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# The Editor's Page

## Teachers Receive Degrees

The picture on the cover this month shows four deaf teachers from the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley receiving the Master of Arts degree in Education from the Dean of San Francisco State College on June 15. Left to right they are Mrs. Catherine M. Ramger, Harold Ramger, Mrs. Caroline H. Burnes, and Leo M. Jacobs. Mr. and Mrs. Ramger and Mr. Jacobs are teachers in the advanced department at the Berkeley School, and Mrs. Burnes is Librarian.

It is believed this is the first time four deaf teachers have ever received M.A. degrees at the same time, although, of course, there are a great number of deaf teachers with M.A. degrees from various colleges and universities. All four received their elementary education in schools for the deaf and all are graduates of Gallaudet College. Mrs. Ramger attended the Minnesota School for the Deaf and the California School at Berkeley, graduating from the latter. Mr. Ramger attended Public School 47, a school for the deaf within the public school system in New York. Mr. Jacobs is a graduate of the California School, as were his father, mother, and brother before him, and Mrs. Burnes attended Parker Oral School in Chicago before going to Gallaudet College.

The four teachers spent a large portion of their spare time during the past six year working toward their degrees, attending classes in San Francisco in summer sessions and in evenings during the winters. They prepared voluminous theses as part of the requirements. Mrs. Ramger and Mrs. Burnes wrote a history of the California School at Berkeley, which soon will observe its 100th anniversary. They expect to revise their thesis and publish it in book form to commemorate the anniversary. Mr. Ramger compiled a course of study for the teaching of science to deaf pupils, and Mr. Jacobs, in collaboration with Miss Rosella Gunderson, another deaf teacher at the California School, wrote a report on a follow-up study of graduates of the school. Miss Gunderson will soon complete the requirements for the Master's degree.

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## O. V. R. Grants

On another page mention is made of an additional grant received from the

U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for continuation of the Occupational Survey being conducted by the National Association of the Deaf.

The OVR has recently awarded another grant of \$10,000.00 for another project to be conducted by the New York School for the Deaf in cooperation with the NAD. This project will be an institute on orientation to Public Service to the Deaf and it will be held at the New York School, White Plains, in October.

The purpose of this institute will be to acquaint rehabilitation workers with the problems and needs of the deaf and thereby enable them to increase their services to the deaf. If the institute in New York proves successful, it is probable that other such institutes will be conducted later in other sections of the country. Dr. Daniel T. Cloud, Superintendent of the New York School, and Dr. B. B. Burnes, President of the NAD, are directing this project, with the assistance of a number of authorities on the deaf from the New York area.

These grants received by the NAD were made possible by Public Law 565, enacted by the 83rd Congress to expand vocational rehabilitation services. They indicate a sympathetic understanding on the part of OVR officials and an interest in extending to the deaf all available assistance. The deaf are fortunate in that the OVR officials and office personnel have shown so much interest in their activities and progress.

## Time to Renew

The Circulation Manager of *THE SILENT WORKER* is now busy preparing hundreds of subscription notices to send to subscribers. Since the August issue is the end of the volume, a great number of subscriptions expire in that month and the heaviest flow of renewals comes at that time.

*THE SILENT WORKER* is having tough sledding, financially, as it has always had, and it is hoped subscribers will be prompt with their renewals and help get the magazine off to a good start for its tenth year of publication. So if you are one of those receiving a letter from the Circulation Manager, we hope to receive your renewal before you lay the letter aside. Thank you.

## International Games of the Deaf

We are all looking forward to hearing about the progress of the boys who are going to Milan for the International Games of the Deaf. Although it will be late in the fall before we publish the

results of the games, the next issue of *THE SILENT WORKER* will contain some very interesting articles by Art Kruger about the boys who will participate in the games to be held in Milan, Italy on August 25-30, 1957.

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4. Cooperation with all agencies to improve education facilities.
5. The prevention of discrimination against the deaf.
6. A helpful union with state associations of the deaf.

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Teachers Break Attendance Records at Knoxville Convention,  
Enjoy the Southern Hospitality, and Depart with . . .

## THE BREASTS AND LEGS

By David Mudgett

EVERY SECOND YEAR the teachers of the deaf have one long week of mental whoopee. This was the year, June 22-28 was the date, and Knoxville, Tenn., was the place, so on they came, 914 strong, from every little school and every big school across the land for the thirty-eighth Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf.

The idea of nearly a thousand visitors descending on you at once would whiten the hair of any suburban host and hostess but this mob was met by the imperturbable charm of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McClure and their staff with such ease you'd think they did it every day and Sundays. Andy Jackson entertaining the great at the Hermitage was a piker compared with what these 1957 Tennesseans can do.

### Don't Forget to Mail This

Pouring into the new dormitories at the Tennessee School for the Deaf or the hotels and motels of Knoxville, eating royally in the beautiful new dining room and meeting in the two auditoriums the school boasts of, these schoolmen and marmos shucked their coats, loosened their ties and maybe even loosened a girdle to plunge into a week-long orgy of papers, talks, demonstrations, and discussions. Maybe the thrill of watching "Doc" teach an abstract word or seeing the good Dr. Fufeld nailing down the weaknesses of lip-reading doesn't sound like much of a bender to the layman—but then teachers are a queer breed who thrive on insoluble problems and low pay. The sports-minded fraternity might possibly appreciate John Kubis' exposition of the finer points of the center in the five man line but it takes a dyed-in-the-wool convention-going, journal-reading teacher to get a kick out of Dr. McCarthy's

exposition of his extension of psycholinguistics in a diagramic pattern that might be used with the deaf.

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At least 200 of the teachers present were deaf. No actual count was possible with so many hearing teachers signing so fluently and so many deaf teachers speaking so "normally." You'd have to ask each one point-blank: "Deaf or hearing?" to make any kind of census and that didn't seem worth the trouble. There was, however, a "Section for Deaf Teachers" emceed by David Mudgett—that's me, ahem—my thanks to the lady in the back row for her applause—oh—she's my wife! Well, anyway, most of the deaf teachers manage to be at that section and a lot of hearing teachers sneak in (we get even by listening in on their secret discussions of speech and audiology). Up in Hartford two years ago Dr. Detmold enlivened things at this section with some radical ideas on language teaching and Dick Kennedy of the Indiana O.V.R. up and got sick and had to have his paper read for him (he's here hale and hearty). This time the science teachers got together with Stanley Benowitz of Gallaudet College, Roy Holcomb of Tenn., and Hal Ramger of California leading the way to put on a fine program. They had Dr. Wyatt of the Univ. of Tenn. to lead off with a paper on improving Science Instruction and then decided to get most of the science teachers in the schools for the deaf into the National Science Teachers Association and cooperate to help each other with ideas and projects, using Gallaudet College as a clearing house.

Later Jess Smith of Tenn. and a parcel of representative deaf teachers discussed the question of whether or not

to continue the Section for Deaf Teachers in future conventions. Among the speakers were Mrs. Harry Baynes (Ala.), B. B. Burnes (Cal.), Ed. Foltz (Okla.), James Beauchamp (Ky.), John Kubis (N.C.), and Ted Griffing (Okla.). The consensus was that the deaf teachers preferred to take a more active part in the deliberations of the other sections of the convention such as language, reading and curriculum but still wanted at least one session in which they could discuss matters of interest primarily to the deaf teachers.

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Elsewhere on the program we noted that Uriel C. Jones, Vocational Principal of the Tenn. School, and Boyce Williams of the Federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation had papers for the Vocational Section; Mervin Garretson, Head Teacher at the Montana School sent in a paper for the Section on Secondary Education; while Conley Akin (Tenn.), John Kubis (N.C.), Mrs. Patsy Smith (Tenn.), and Frank Turk (Kendall School) were on the program of the Section on Health and Physical Education.

A long list of some forty hearing friends of the deaf volunteered to do the interpreting. Rarely have we seen such a large number of superb sign-makers and they worked for hours on hot stages making it possible for us to follow all the speakers. We deaf teachers and non-teachers should build a monument to express our undying thanks to those wonderful people who have not only learned to sign well but have then volunteered on so many occasions to bring the hearing world to us.

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On Wednesday the whole Convention suspended business to take a long bus

Left, Caroline Burnes and Bob Greenmun prefer Tennessee while Rosalind Greenmun and David Mudgett stand in North Carolina. Right, Joe Breitwieser, California; Grace Mudgett (how'd she get into two pictures?); Mr. and Mrs. McConnell and Mary Dobson, Iowa. Mudgett beat McConnell to the draw.







Bernard Bragg of California gave a one-man performance as the deaf Marcel Marceau.

trip through the Great Smokies with lunch at Cades Cove and a Smorgasbord banquet at the great Civic Center in Gatlinburg. The trip grew from eight to thirteen bus-loads (about 500 in all) keeping Jess Smith and Ray Gallimore jumping to add more busses and more box lunches but it went off with the smoothness and timing of the Twentieth-Century Limited. Everybody saw the bears but none got clawed. The box lunch itself was a marvel of food packing put up by the T.S.D. dining room staff and served under the direction of Mrs. Alberta Chambers. After the Smorgasbord tables were cleared and the teachers crowded in close to watch Bernard Bragg, the rapidly-becoming-famous deaf pantomimist from Berkeley, put on a new pantomime specially designed for this convention, "The Vacationeer." His summer with Marcel Marceau in Paris has sharpened and perfected his acting. This new pantomime was a take-off on a vacationeer torn between the mountain and the beach. It was highly appreciated and given a good write-up in the Knoxville papers. Square dancing after the program served to reduce the highest high-brow and the lowest neophyte to the common denominator of a hill-billy having fun. Elizabeth Benson and Kenneth Huff didn't have to interpret Bragg's act but when the dancing began they danced, too — on the stage. "Best interpretative dancing I ever saw!" said Lloyd Graunke.

Thursday afternoon and evening the Gallaudet crowd had supper at the Uriel C. Jones home a couple of blocks from the school. He had his spacious back lawn barbered for the occasion but you know the fate of the plans of mice and men — it rained. Jones' basement was commodious enough for the eats but the BAs and MAs and PhDs and EXs and Ns had to sprint for the gym for the program which consisted of President



Virginia Thompson (Mo.), Marie Coretti (Md.), Blanche Bolton (Ala.), Adele Jensen Krug (D.C.), Luther Stack (La.), Ed Foltz (Okla.), and Grace Mudgett (Ill.). Recipe: Mix well and pour into Tennessee. Foltz's dome hides Clingman's dome.



Tom Dillon of New Mexico, Treasurer of the Convention. Ted Griffing of Oklahoma, and Florence Dillon.



Emma "Sandy" Cunningham, Betty, Sue, and Frank Galluzzo of Colorado. See them in 1959.



Elstad with Elizabeth Benson signing — oh, yes, there was also a movie of Gallaudet taken by Leon Auerbach recently but that came a long time later after Dr. Elstad had completed a long list of Gallaudet news and plans and "Benny" had done a marathon job of interpreting.

We had a long list of names of prominent deaf teachers present which we planned to work into this article but it's almost dinnertime and I'm not going to miss another of Mrs. Chambers' dinners — then I'll reluctantly say goodbye to Bill and Mary Lillian McClure, who will now move to Indiana to assume his new superintendency, to the Lloyd Graunkes who succeed them here and have been doing yeoman service at the Convention, to Jess Smith, that ex-editor of the Univ. of Tenn. paper, the Orange and White, and who is now working so hard for the NAD and the OVR survey of the deaf, and I must not forget Ray Gallimore, the hustling little deaf man-of-all-work who kept the registration and housing under complete control. The Tennessee School has a wonderful staff!

Oh yes, the next convention will be at the Colo. School, Colorado Springs, in 1959. Dr. Abernathy of the Ohio School is the new president of the Convention, succeeding Mr. Galloway of Rochester, who served for four years. Dr. Richard Brill of the Southern California School will be in charge of the program as First Vice-president and Tom Dillon of New Mexico continues as Treasurer.

#### Don't Forget to Mail This

(The reminders are for me. At Hartford two years ago I sweated out a fine, long article about the Convention and sent it in to THE SILENT WORKER. It wasn't published and I got good and peeved at BBB. Six months later I pulled it out of the glove compartment of my car all stamped and ready to mail!)

But what about the breasts and legs? Well . . . many years ago I spent a week deep in a forgotten hollow of the East Kentucky hills, being accepted in the log-cabin homes of the mountain folk only because I was the brother of the "mission lady." When I left they had a big supper for us with chicken, pork, bacon, ham, beef, ten different pies and five different drinks on the table. One thing puzzled me at that dinner — the heaping platter of fried chicken contained only the wings, backs and necks. The next morning they gave me a big box of lunch to eat on the way. The box, when I opened it many miles away, contained all the breasts and legs! The teachers left Knoxville well pleased and aware that the best pieces of chicken would turn up later in the memories of friendships made and renewed!

## QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

## Parliamentary Procedure

By Edwin M. Hazel

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July, 1957

*"Let us rededicate ourselves to the faith that error need not be feared where reason is free to combat it."* — Charles Beard, "The National Parliamentarian"

Q. We have been puzzled over the purpose of "Suspension of Rules." Please explain. Thank you. — Miss McK

A. "Suspension of Rules" is misleading among many who are not familiar with parliamentary law. Really, it applies only to suspending Rules of Order by a 2/3 vote and Standing Rules by a majority vote for the meeting only. It may be advisable to thus waive regular procedure in order to carry out the assembly's immediate desire. BUT remember, a change in policy, a deviation from Constitution, or a breach of Bylaws is NOT a suspension of rules, unless such deviation is specifically provided for in them.

Q. Is an order of business a Bylaw or a Rules of Order or a Standing Rule? — JRB

A. It is a Rules of Order, not a Bylaw nor a Standing Rule. See Robert's Rules of Order, page 71.

Q. During the election at the December meeting of our Club, two candidates received the same number of votes for the office. It requires a majority vote by ballot to elect. What is the best way to break a tie vote?

A. Stick to balloting until one candidate receives a majority vote. However, Robert says, "If there is no objection, the nominees may be allowed to cast lots."

Q. Has an Executive Board any right to dismiss or postpone a meeting of the parent assembly?

A. No, unless authorized to do so by the bylaws. The Executive Board or Executive Committee has only such authority that has been delegated to it.

Q. Has the Chair a right to order a vote to be taken by ballot if he deems it advisable?

A. No, but the Chair may ask if there are any objections to a ballot upon an important matter. If there is no objection, he may proceed to ballot vote. This is called agreement to act by a general consent of the assembly.

Q. Should I withdraw my motion until the next regular meeting, so that the assembly can take care of a matter more urgent than the one that is pending? — McG

A. No. Just postpone your motion until the next regular meeting. It then

becomes unfinished business at the next meeting.

Q. Suppose the president of the association is also the president of the board, may he participate in the business of the board? — Mrs. T

A. Yes, the same as any other members of the board. He may even make a motion, debate and vote without leaving the chair.

Q. At the last meeting of our Club, a motion and its primary (first degree) amendment were pending and a member moved to substitute a new motion for the original. The Chair ruled the substitution out of order. I was stunned and felt sure he was wrong, but was afraid to appeal. Was the Chair right? — O'D

A. Yes. The Chair was right, because the substitute motion would be out of order as long as the primary amendment was pending. Remember, a motion to amend by substitution is a primary amendment, never a secondary amendment (second degree). However when the primary amendment is disposed of, the substitute motion would then be in order and, after it has been stated by the Chair, the friends of the original motion are still privileged to debate or to propose any secondary amendment desired. Then the friends of the substitute motion have the same privilege on modifications by secondary amendment if any. The Chair puts the substitute motion to vote first and if it is carried, the substitute motion becomes the main motion, but it requires another vote for adoption.

Q. I believe it is very rude or rather discourteous to appeal from a decision of the Chair, because it would make him feel out of place as the presiding officer. Do you agree with this? — Miss C.

A. No, and the Chair should always welcome an appeal. It is for his benefit as well as for that of the members. Also, it affords him an opportunity to explain the reason for his decision and shift the responsibility of the decision to the voting members. But care should be taken by the assembly to be constructive, to keep the best interests of the organization in mind, to remember that "to err is human . . ."

Q. Is an appeal debatable?

A. Yes, but not if in connection with priority of business, indecorum, transgression of rules of speaking, or when an undebatable motion is pending.

## Problems the Deaf Must Face Described in Letter to Parents of Deaf Child

By Esther Forsman Cohen

*(Some time in the spring the Saturday Evening Post published an article written by the parent of a little deaf child who was experiencing the "miracle" of acquiring an education in a small private oral school. Whether or not the child will succeed in the acquisition of an education will depend on whether or not the child has the necessary talent and ability to master speech and lip reading. After reading the article, Mrs. Cohen wrote the following letter to the parent and we reproduce it here with her permission in hopes that other parents of little deaf children may see it and profit from it. — Ed.)*

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pagenstecher:

After reading the concluding questions in your article "My Daughter's Silent World" in the April 13, 1957 issue of the "Saturday Evening Post," I feel impelled to write to you and perhaps help lift, a little, the veil shrouding Mari's foggy future.

Your charming little daughter, normal in every way except for deafness, seems to have gotten off to a good start, and if human emotions can be set aside she stands a good chance of becoming a well adjusted person, ready to take her place, later on in life, among thousands of like afflicted who today move happily and independently in a silent world.

I have been totally deaf for forty-six years. My husband, fifty-eight years old, likewise has been bereft of his hearing since the age of five. We own, not only our car and drive it, but our home as well. In fact, this is the second house we have free and clear, having built our first home in New Hampshire where we lived eighteen years prior to moving to Verona.

I was born in Montclair, New Jersey, around the turn of the century when there were few automobiles and no high-pressure salesmen peddling hearing aids to the totally deaf. In due time, I struggled from kindergarten to the third grade in Rand School, one of Montclair's Public Schools and then my attendance ceased.

Those years were the unhappiest of my life. Like your own dear Mari I was a bright child eager for learning, but unfortunately in a class of some 40 to 50 youngsters I, and I alone, was "different." I differed from my classmates in that I was stone deaf while they could hear and sing, work and play in unison.

Each morning, as my Mother fussed with my hair ribbon and sent me off to

school, the day became an ordeal. Advancing toward the school yard I could see the children clustered in little groups waiting for the bell to ring but I no longer bounded up to join in their childish chatter. My sensitive feelings had been hurt so often that I could neither tell friend from foe.

As it was in my time, so it is today, children, by nature are cruel. This savage instinct to pounce on the weak, the freak, the helpless is also found among animals, but I was then too young to accept with grace the recurrent rebuffs, the sly whispered glances — "She's d-e-e-f," the surreptitious ridicule and the penetrating stares of the ill mannered. On the surface I was "accepted" after a fashion, I had a couple of playmates ready to chasten a thoughtless schoolmate and the teachers tried to be kind. But it wasn't enough. I sensed I did not belong in Public School. Truth to tell, had I been asked, I knew not where I belonged.

Sitting forlornly in Sunday School, with my three young hearing sisters at the Baptist Church where my Swedish parents worshipped, I sometimes wondered if God had forgotten all about me.

God had not forgotten. For, on a summer's day, after spending three aimless and wasted years at home with no schooling, a neighbor persuaded my Mother to allow me to join a group of children on a Sunday School (Presbyterian) picnic in the country. I was happy for this little diversion in my lonely shut-in world and willingly I skipped off with the feeling that I would not be "made fun of." In Sunday School, unlike in Public School, children are generally taught tolerance and I felt safe.

That picnic opened the door to a new life for me. How clearly I remember standing close to "Miss Emily" as she poked up the fire under a huge wash boiler containing gallons of fragrant smelling coffee! Opposite me stood a youngish woman, Helen Harrison, also watching silently. Miss Emily straightened up and smiled at us both. Suddenly she turned to Helen and began making gestures that startled me. I stared at her and then at Helen who was answering in gestures and apparently gesticulating at me. "What were they doing?" "What did all that intricate hand weaving mean?" It was not long before I was to know.

Several days later, my Father answered the front door bell one evening. There stood Helen and with her was her

Father, a dear and kindly looking man. I shouldn't have felt afraid of Helen, for she had become then and there the best friend I had in the world. I was eleven years old, Helen was 25.

Deaf herself, Helen had learned from Miss Emily that I was too. Back there beside the camp fire Helen had tried to talk to me but I had merely stared uncomprehendingly at the weird signs she was making. Although I had, and still have, a fairly understandable speaking voice Helen had decided that I was "dumb" — meaning stupid! She lost no time finding out why I wasn't enrolled at the New Jersey School for the Deaf in Trenton from which she had graduated.

The New Jersey School had been there since the 1860's but my bewildered parents had never heard about it nor had anyone else within our midst. Thus began my belated and real education, sixty miles from home. In that day the distance seemed as far away as California and of course I cried. My homesickness was short-lived, for I was learning so much. I adjusted easily and was received. At last I was among my own kind. Some life-long friendships soon formed — a kind of friendship I had never known. And best of all I acquired delightfully that flexible communication through finger spelling and hand signs. I could hardly wait to get home at Christmas and "talk" to Helen. I would have so much to tell her! Talking, by voice, to my parents and sister would be much more difficult because, while I had all the words for an interesting conversation in my mind, I knew I would stumble over the pronunciation. At best I should give an abbreviated report and hope the family would be satisfied!

Every state in the United States, except two, has a residential school similar to the New Jersey School for the Deaf. There is one in Austin, Texas. Most of them accept deaf children from pre-school age to 12th grade. They also prepare and encourage the most promising pupils to try for a higher education at Gallaudet College, the only college for the deaf in the world, at Kendall Green, Washington, D.C.

From the Trenton School I went on to Gallaudet College myself, and there I met the "cream of deafdom" as we proudly call it, and a finer bunch of young deaf men and women is hard to find elsewhere. Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree, I applied for and was accepted on the staff of the Minnesota School for the Deaf in Fairbault. It is there that I met my husband-to-be. He had previously graduated from the New York School for the Deaf, N.Y. City and was connected with the Minnesota School in a supervisory



capacity and athletics instructor for boys.

My husband's childhood is less sordid than mine. At an early age he was placed in the New York School and thus escaped the buffetings of a heedless Public School system. Like every large residential school, the New York School has an adequate Vocational Training Department and my husband chose to learn the rudiments of printing. Economic reasons led him to give up his Minnesota position for the more lucrative pay of a Journeyman printer. He has been, for some forty years now, a member of the International Typographical Union working side by side with all manner of hearing men in a cut throat industry and still able to hold his own. His company employs several hundred people and among these are eighteen deaf fellows. Some of these deaf boys were recently honored for having been with the firm 30 years.

The majority of deaf adults are a happy lot, especially those having received a good education in schools that know how to train and fit them for maturity. Few deaf ever master the difficult art of speech and lip reading, and because it is not a foolproof means of communication it seems a sinful waste of time to hope for such a Utopia. The harsh truth is that the deaf will never, never be wholly accepted by a hearing public because human nature cannot be changed. Deafness is a cross that we bear, and bear gladly so long as the public will be a little more tolerant of us, a little more overlooking when we make a garbled mess trying to pronounce "psychiatrist"—just one of thousands of words my lip-reading teachers either forgot or didn't have time to teach me had they lived to be a hundred! We also ask forbearance of theorists with the wrong slant, and self-appointed educators, that they not discourage the use of our beautiful language of signs. There is no other known means of transporting to our sealed ears the rapture or heights of ecstasy of a poem or hymn than by an accomplished rendition in the sign language.

The story of deafness and what it means cannot be completely written down on a few pages, and because I am writing to total strangers propriety decrees that I stop now.

If you wish to ask any questions on this subject I shall be happy to hear from you. In the meantime, I shall look forward to that some day, in my sunset years, when opening the pages of the Gallaudet College Alumni Bulletin I shall find the name Miss Mari Pagenstecher, a new alumnae, added to our large roster of graduates.

Respectfully, Mari's unknown friend,  
Mrs. Max Cohen

## Sifting the Sands . . .

By Roger M. Falberg

1648 Holmes Avenue, Racine, Wisc.

What's going on in *your* state association for the deaf? Is it affiliated with the NAD in name only, or is it actively cooperating with the NAD?

St. Louis will be history when you read this, but as I set these words down, the convention is still about a month off. I'd give anything to know just how much support, financial and otherwise, is going to be pledged to the NAD by the other 47 states. I'm not wondering about Wisconsin—I already know.

The Wisconsin Association of the Deaf is not going to give the NAD any support whatsoever at the convention, and the people of Wisconsin who are members and backers of the NAD will have no official delegate in St. Louis.

The facts are these:

At a meeting of the WAD Board on May 11, it was decided that no delegate would be sent to St. Louis because none of the Board members was available, and there was "no one in prospect who could accept the delegateship . . ." according to the WAD secretary's report in the *WAD Pilot*.

Feeling rather strongly about this, I conferred with my boss and was told that if I were an official delegate to the convention, there was a strong probability that I would be allowed to change my vacation dates in order to attend.

So I wrote to the president of the WAD, Ray Rasmus, asking him to call a special meeting of the Board, and volunteering to go as delegate. The meeting was called, and I quote below pertinent parts of Mr. Rasmus' reply:

" . . . The Board voted to retain its decision in not sending a delegate to the St. Louis convention for some reasons. Since there was no letter from any member except you complaining, . . . the Board did not want to reconsider the motion for only one person and felt that there was not any qualified person to be sent as delegate at present. The Board believed that the deaf in Wis. are very independent . . . there were some serious cases . . . and the WAD was always capable of carrying out them without trying to seek outside help like the NAD. . . . Even tho the WAD has voted to send a delegate to the NAD convention, the Board has the authority on permitting or refusing a person to go as a delegate depending on the qualifications he has and the length of service he has rendered to the WAD as either an officer or a member.

"I really am sorry that it happened

this way because I, personally, favor seeing the WAD send a delegate to that convention. Sincerely, Ray Rasmus."

Well . . . now you know, too.

Other pertinent facts are these:

At an NAD rally in Milwaukee on June 1, 1957, the deaf of Wisconsin donated and pledged \$6,161.31 to the NAD. None of the WAD Board members attended that rally, to the best of my knowledge.

We may infer from Mr. Rasmus' letter that a majority of the membership of the WAD has voted to send a delegate to NAD conventions, but when only one man objects because the Board does not carry out the wishes of the majority, he may be disregarded with impunity.

The inference that this writer is not a qualified delegate cannot be commented on here, for obvious reasons. Let it suffice to say that I joined the WAD 3 years ago. Last year I tried to do some public relations work at my own expense for the WAD—but I made a bad mistake. I sent out public relations releases with the name of the WAD on them without authority from the Board, and for this I was chastised by the secretary of the WAD as being "too ambitious." The releases were concerned with a government grant to carry out a survey of the conditions of the deaf in Wisconsin, and were printed in several newspapers. I have offered to carry on this work, with the Board's permission and still at my own expense, but have received no word of consent or rejection from the Board.

This is my record in the WAD.

I wonder how the esteemed WAD Board would like it if the Rac-Keno Club of the Deaf, of which I am president, were to send them a letter saying: "We're getting along fine on our own. What do we need you for?" That sort of attitude is not going to get anyone very far.

According to the last report I saw, Wisconsin has more day schools for the deaf than any other state in the Union. But no, we're doing fine!

Does all this sound like sour grapes? I'm truly very sorry if it does; I hadn't meant it to be that way. But I felt the NAD and the people of Wisconsin deserved to know why the WAD had no delegate to St. Louis.

I wonder how Larry Yolles, who was from Wisconsin and gave all of the best years of his life to the NAD, would feel about this?

## The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Before you folks, all good, of course, accuse us of trying to conspire with deadlines, let us state in no uncertain terms that we have purposely missed this one by inches in order that we might have the signal honor of handing this



W. T. GRIFFING

batch of wisdom to bbb in person, at Knoxville. You may not realize it, but this will make history which should go down for posterity! This has never happened before and it will never happen again—not for even 1,000 years!

### Put that dollar to work for the NAD?

Well, we are off for the races—no, beg your pardon, off for the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf at Knoxville. We have tried to prepare you for this breath-taking occasion, so this will hardly reduce you to a state of shock.

It should be a good show. There will be workshops, demonstrations, lectures, panels, hat-passing, back-slapping, indigestion, weather discussions, and the like. They do say that over 800 wise ones will be there to scatter wisdom as well as sunshine all over the TSD campus.

We will tell you all about it when we get home because, after all, a lot of three R's are going to be released for our pleasure.

### Stopped lending the "Silent Worker"?

We have been told in a whisper that the section for deaf teachers is in danger of getting the ax at Knoxville. It is our understanding that deaf teachers will be there prepared to fight to the last ditch to retain one of the best features of national conventions, viz, the deaf teacher section.

We cannot see any valid reason why this particular section should come in for possible elimination. It has accomplished a great deal of good at past conventions and we can say without fear of contradiction that it is one thing the deaf do look forward to at these gatherings.

Possibly the convention proper has become a trifle unwieldy and it is in the books that fewer departmental and sectional meetings will bring on more efficiency. OK. But the elimination should be directed at those which are just so-so, not at any that have proved their worth many times over.

The section for deaf teachers is definitely top-flight. It is worth fighting to retain.

**If the NAD is all wet, so are all of us**  
Gallaudet has been given accreditation. No more wonderful news could have been heard anywhere by those who have worked all these years to bring about this recognition of a fine little college, growing bigger and better all the time. The graduates of Gallaudet can hold their own with the best of them! Congratulations.

### St. Louis should count the deaf by the thousand

Going to the Gallaudet reunion June 30 - July 4? There should be a jolly old time on Kendall Green when the old boys and girls gather there to sing, "Alma Mater, Alma Mater, dearly do we love thee!" (That was last June, Ted.—Ed.)

A great change has taken place at the college. It has arrived. It will be a pleasant surprise for many of the graduates to visit around to see what has been done to lift Gallaudet into a prominent place in the field of higher education.

We are planning to be there, to revisit hallowed spots. We wonder whether we can recall where it was that Douglas Craig all but scared the wits out of us. We will search out the place where Dr. C. R. Ely told us, with a straight face, that he just had to pass all of the class in geology because its members had taught him the names of so many new ages and pre-historic animals. Oh, yes, we want to meet our favorite girl friend, Miss Elizabeth Peet. It was she who when we remarked we were mighty proud of our final 8.5 in French, said: "Mr. Griffing, here is the truth—that 8.5, broken down, represents 2.0 for knowledge and 6.5 for flattery." With that she flounced off, leaving us completely dazed.

### Filled out that occupational survey?

A faithful reader of the Worker as well as a staunch champion of the residential school feels that this magazine is not doing enough to bring the schools to the attention of the public. She is well aware of the history of the schools that have been published, yet she thinks more should be done. She writes, "Isn't it possible to spare one more page listing all the schools, similar to the Club Directory which lists all of the silent clubs?"

She feels that the Worker is the place for this to appear as a medium of information to parents and other interested parties. She remarks, too, that parents should not be referred to the Volta Bureau for information that is close to all of us. What do you say?

### If we are to grow, so must you

We have had some delightful correspondence with R. M. Falberg who is

no stranger to you readers. He believes in calling a spade a spade, and after calling it that, a spade it is. We are trying to arrange a little duet with him, this to appear in a future issue of the magazine, but much will depend on how well we can lipread bbb and Boyce Williams at Knoxville. Just wanted to tell you folks that Roger is on the ball, educationally, vocationally, and all.

### United we win; divided we don't!

Going down town the other day, we stopped in front of an insurance office which had this posted on the front door:

"I am fully aware  
That my youth has been spent,  
That my Get Up and Go  
Has Got Up and Went.  
But I really don't mind  
When I think with a grin  
Of all the grand places  
My Got Up has been."

### Got ideas? Spill them at St. Louis

You do not have to tell us that this department is way off the course this month. We know it. It must be that we are still weary from going to bed ready to roll out to head for the storm cellar, night after night. That tornado alarm had a disgusting way of sounding in the wee small hours of the morning. Even then, friend, it was surprising to observe how fast people vacated houses and how little they cared what they looked like in night clothes. The main idea was to get in that cellar and get there quick!

We will duly report from Knoxville, St. Louis, Oklahoma City, and the bug house. If you see things crawling, too, come on in—our psychiatrist is a corker!

Nice seeing you. Nice talking to you. Thanks for stringing along with

—W.T.G.

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**DEADLINE FOR NEWS IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.**

### KANSAS . . .

Not long ago Charlene Bowman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bowman, Park City, Wichita, Kansas, received slight bruises on her face when the car she was riding in hit a light pole. She and other riders, on their way to high school at Valley Center were forced to leave the road, down in a ditch, and hit the post when a large truck came from the other direction. The students received medical treatment.

George Ruby, Wichita, was operated upon for acute appendicitis May 22 and got along so well that he returned to work a short time later.

Mr. Russell Morton, Wichita, fell from a ladder while painting and broke his hip and was taken to St. Francis Hospital. He was the husband of Mrs. Viola Morton, who died last summer.

The night before Memorial Day Wichita received a heavy thunderstorm with a big lightning display. It cleared up the next day so the local Frats were happy to go on with their annual picnic, the first summer one for Wichita. Around fifty-five enjoyed the gathering. In the afternoon several new games were played and the winners got cash prizes. The crowd grew larger in the afternoon. The out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Foltz, Neal; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McGlynn, Hutchinson; Marvin McGlynn, Wilson; Barbara Hamilton, Margie Nolter, Juanita Grass and Helen Lile, all of Kansas City. They came in Barbara's car. Misses Grass and Nolter are from Missouri but are working Kansas City.

Visitors in the first meeting of the Wichita Association of the Deaf at the I. O. O. F. hall the second Saturday of May were Mrs. Edith Burgess, Arkansas City; Henry Elmore, Dayton, Ohio; Robert Roy and Alice Dougan, both of Newton; Emily Mooberry, Goddard and Mary Kay Schmidt, El Dorado.

Henry Elmore stopped in Wichita on his way back to Dayton, Ohio. He has been at Cordova, Alaska, tending to his business, salmon boat, gill net. Robert Roy is working in a trailer house factory in Newton. He hails from Neosho, Mo., and Alice Dougan is from Springfield, Mo., and works in the same shop.

So sorry to hear of the serious illness of Earl Chalkey of Syracuse. Send him cards or visit him as it will help pass his time and forget the agony of suffering and loneliness.

The car of Earl Nyquist, Wichita, was a victim of parts stealing when it was parked at the Boeing Airplane Co. car lot May 31. Two hub caps values at \$16 were taken from it.

Robert Warner of Refreig, Texas, is a new Wichita resident. He is employed with a

bakery and is looking forward to a job at the Beech Aircraft Co. in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Koehn and Misses Rae Field, Mina Munz, and Pauline Conwell, all of Wichita, took in the Garnett, Kan., picnic June 2. It was held at Garnett Lake about 30 miles north of Iola. About 40 were present. The affair was in charge of Mrs. Lillie Fitzpatrick, Iola and Lynn Clinesmith, Centerville. The Silent Club of that area served sandwiches and other foods. The picnic was arranged so that Earl Schoonover of Garnett could enjoy having friends with him. He gets lonesome for his friends at times and he is the only deaf person living in Garnett. Many of the picnickers signed the occupational survey questionnaire which is sponsored by the National Association of the Deaf and the U. S. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Have you signed up? If not, you better do so as the information from these papers will help inform the public as to the capabilities of deaf working people.

Mrs. Alex Parrish and Mrs. Charles Haber, both of Los Angeles, California, got into Kansas by train. Mrs. Haber at Hutchinson and Mrs. Parrish at Topeka May 27 and 28 respectively. Mrs. Haber visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sisk and family, about two weeks while Mrs. Parrish visited with her folks in and around Topeka. She was in Wichita a week. They both attended the Hutchinson picnic on June 9.

Mrs. Kathryn Schooley and her three children of Baxter Springs were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crabb, Wichita, the second week of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Walz and family, Wichita, spent their week vacation with her folks in Olathe, the first week of June.

Mrs. Vernon Snyder of Kansas City rode as far as Newton with Barbara Hamilton, also a Kansas Citian, June 8. Mrs. Francis Srack, Wichita, met Mrs. Snyder and brought her home with her. The Sracks and Mrs. Snyder attended the Hutchinson picnic. Was sorry to hear Mr. Snyder had to undergo minor surgery but am glad he is on the mend now. Say, the Wilson packing plant in K. C. had a banquet in honor of the employees who had held long years of work with it. Vernon received a beautiful pin with "W" inscribed on it in recognition of his twenty-nine years of service with the company. Congratulations, Mr. Snyder.

Auxiliary Members of Wichita Association of Home Builders recently presented a \$50 check to the Silent Group of Riverside Christian Church and designed to bring the ministry to deaf persons in the Wichita area.

Mrs. George Harms and Della Miller, both of Wichita, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Luke Whitworth, Blackwell, Okla., to the national convention of the Christian Deaf Fellowship at Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 8. The convention ran from June 12 to 16.

The Hutchinson Picnic, one of the most popular picnics in Kansas, was held on June 9 under direction of the chairman, Lawrence McGlynn. He had a fine group of helpers that saw that everyone had his fill of a bountiful basket dinner. You should have seen so many school kids out to have fun there and at the swimming pool. The older men played baseball in the afternoon while dozens of others enjoyed visiting in the shelter house.



Ernest Richard Berger has been employed for 38 years as a printer by the Louis F. Dow Co., of St. Paul, Minnesota, one of the largest calendar advertising specialties companies. A high tribute was paid him when the president of the firm asked him to teach his two sons the tricks of the trade. Photography is one of Ernest's hobbies. He has made many trips west with his wife and he has each trip permanently recorded on film. Ernest has one son, who has been a member of the Berkeley, California, police department four years.

Plenty of food to feed about 275 people at noon and in the evening. Everybody had a great time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sperry, Los Angeles, Calif., stopped in Wichita June 10 to call on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Koehn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller. The Sperrys left for Cherryvale to visit with his folks and to Missouri to see her folks. They were on his two weeks vacation. They have two married daughters and four grandchildren. Sorry they could not stay for a longer visit in Wichita.

Frank Masopust, Wichita, spent the last two days of May in Ellsworth, visiting his late wife's sister and brother-in-law. He tended his wife's grave Memorial Day.

Featuring a demonstration of music in sign language, a sextet from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., presented a service of sacred music recently at Bethel Assembly of God in Wichita, Kansas. The program featured the Melodettes, a women's sextet. The group of six women accompanied by their director and pianist are on a singing tour which will take them into 17 states. They have appeared on radio and television programs in the Midwest. Miss Lottie Rieckhof, group director, has been instrumental in teaching the sign language to scores of young persons. Many of her students are working among the deaf in all parts of the country. The demonstration was a picturesque presentation.

Tales of those who were forced to spend time in snow bound autos were numerous in all publications for the past few weeks but here is one a bit different.

One Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Raymond of Stafford, Kansas, were enroute to a party at a farm home near Wilson when their car became stuck fast in deep gumbo. This was about 8:30 p.m.

Raymond attempted to install chains but was unable to do so due to the mud and lack of a flash light. After spending the night in the car Raymond walked to the friend's house which was only one and one half miles away. The friend's car became stuck before reaching the Whitlock car so the men again started walking to another farm for a tractor. It was necessary to pull the car out four different

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MR. and MRS. JOHN DORTERO

### John Dortero Honored

John Dortero, who has lived in Seattle for many years, was recently rewarded for his long and faithful service at the Stetson-Ross Machine Company, Inc. In appreciation of his forty years' service, he was presented with a handsome barometer, a month's vacation with pay, and a promotion.

Mr. Dortero became deaf at the age of 19 and prior to that had finished High School in Skagway, Alaska. Nasal trouble which necessitated an operation caused his deafness.

Deafness did not hinder him from practicing the machine trade for two years then his application for work at the place where he is now employed was accepted with little interest on the employer's part. He was told that he could only work for a few months but being such a good worker, the few months ran into forty years and he is still at the same place, now as a machinist.

When he started his job, he would spend an hour or so every day after working hours learning the various parts that go to make a planer, (especially for large lumber mills) sizer, etc. He learned to read blueprints and was a layout man for several years. Finally came promotion to Assistant Superintendent, then to Superintendent for three years and then Planning Engineer, a position he has held for the past 25 years.

Mr. Dortero has three children, two sons and one daughter by his first wife, who passed away many years ago. On February 25, 1956, he took his friends by surprise and married the former Emily Westbrook Kuhn of Los Angeles, California, whom he had known for 34 years. They are now residing at 6000 California Ave., Seattle 6, Wash., and are the proud possessors of a brand new Pontiac in which they took their honeymoon trip to California.

## The Silent Printer

By Ray F. Stallo

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On various occasions we have advocated the use of aptitude tests in the vocational departments of our schools in order to channel the vocational training of our boys and girls more efficiently than is done by the hit or miss, 3 months here and 3 months there method. We have been told time and again by educators that such tests are of little value. Now, here is what the Printing Industry of America and the U. S. Employment Service are doing along this line.

Local offices of state employment services affiliated with the U. S. Employment Service are doing a valuable job for printers in the pre-employment testing of applicants as an aid in determining which person fits which job. The types of tests given include: measuring occupational skills already acquired; aptitude tests measuring potentiality for acquiring new occupational skills acquired on the job. Three aptitude tests batteries for printing occupations have been made available for national use. These are for occupations of (1) Compositor, hand and machine; (2) Cylinder Pressman and Web Pressman, and (3) Bindery workers, including drill-punch operator; folder, hand gatherer; inserter; inspector; New-Era-unit operator; perforating-machine operator; tipper; wrapper and wrapping-machine operator. These tests are used in the selection and counseling of inexperienced applicants who are considering entry into the printing industry.

We again respectfully call the attention of our educators to the fact that aptitude tests do have value and are being used more and more in the industrial world and that it is high time our schools for the deaf make use of them to better guide and counsel the boys and girls in their care.

It is interesting to note that the quality of "finger dexterity" has a minimum passing score of 65, surpassed only by the quality of "motor coordination" which carries a minimum of 70 on the tests for the above named activities. These two qualities are possessed by most deaf in a pronounced degree.

Years ago printers were reputed to be very handy people with a bottle and we do not mean milk bottles. However, a little news item would indicate that such is not the case today. The item has it that printers working on color presses have been developing a violent

reaction after drinking as little as six ounces of beer. Medical detectives believe they are on the track of a new cure for alcoholism as a consequence. They think they have traced the cause to an anti-skinning compound in the inks. (An aside to Crutch in Michigan. We work on strictly black and white stuff so we are still looking forward to that snort of "corn squeezins" you promised us.)

Here's the July supplement of the great National Amalgamated Directory of Silent Printers:

Robert Lewis Brigham, Linotype Operator, Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise. Brother Bob attended the North Dakota School for the Deaf where he learned about printer's ink.

Harry Joseph Schaffner, Linotype Operator, Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise. Brother Harry attended the Florida School for the Deaf where he learned his trade.

Gardy Rodgers, Floorman at the Newton Kansan, Newton, Kansas. Brother Rodgers attended the Kansas School for the Deaf where he was an athletic hero. (Thanx Bro. Clements, tell us some more.)

Bilbo Monaghan, Linotype Operator Memphis, Tennessee, Commercial Appeal. Brother Bilbo attended the Mississippi School and Gallaudet where he was infected with type lice.

Wayne Meyer, Linotype Operator, Parker (South Dakota) New Era. Brother Wayne learned his trade at the Milo Bennet Lino School in English, Indiana, but information at hand does not state what school he attended.

Howard S. Ferguson — Linotype Operator (he calls it "Etaoin Shrdlu-er") — Lyon & Armor, Inc. Philadelphia, Penna: Brother Howard attended the Penna Inst. for the Deaf, where the type lice got him.

We are pleased to report that response to our new photograph which our esteemed editor has seen fit to place at the head of our column has been little short of overwhelming. On the one hand our mail (much of it delicately perfumed) from our multitude of feminine admirers has increased two-fold and on the other hand letters from envious males requesting beard growing information has also shown a goodly increase.



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occasions before reaching solid ground. Expecting their parents to return during the night the two children, (the other one, Gary, with his parents) became alarmed and notified Ivan Whitlock, their uncle, of their parents' absence. Ivan contacted the Highway Patrol and an alarm was broadcast concerning the missing couple. They were finally freed from the mud about 11:00 a.m. Sunday and returned home early Sunday afternoon after a hectic night and no party.

## NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY . . .

Joseph Hines, Jr. is attending a linotype school and he will graduate this summer. Amos Krinsky of New York and Frances Levine, formerly of P. S. 47, will wed this November. Lots of luck to the young people!

The William Ryans of Long Island are the proud parents of a baby boy born to them in June. They have a daughter. The baby is named after his father. Yetta Lieb, wife of Frank Lieb, the treasurer of Manhattan Frat No. 87, gave birth to a baby daughter in early June. They have a son. Abe Israelowitz presented a sparkling engagement ring to Judith Ricca on her graduation from Lexington School for the Deaf. It was a beautiful surprise to the fiancée!

Miss Eleanor Glen, formerly of Rochester, became engaged to Mr. Lester Zimet, who just settled in New York from Florida. The Harold Garbers are expecting the stork, after their 8 years of marriage. Good wishes to the happy parents-to-be!

Irene Bergman, of New York, had a surprise bridal shower on May 24th and she is going to tie the marital knot with Eddie Kronick on June 29th. Eddie was a product of Cleveland, Ohio. The couple plan to settle in New York.

Olga and Sal Sandoval gave a christening party for their third baby, Richard David. They have an oldest boy and a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blanchard bought a house in Connecticut. They live now near Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swain.

Sammy Lewis' mother just had a two weeks visit with her son and his family in New York from Milwaukee.

Saul Levy had a very good reason to be very happy lately. He received a union card in Philadelphia as a linotype operator.

Aaron Twersky is planning to visit Israel this summer. He has some relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Pizzo were given a lovely fifth anniversary party held at Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mamo's house in Fair Lawn, New Jersey, on June 15th. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James M. Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waldeck, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Celestino, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. William Stoltz, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Foti and Mrs. Richard H. Myers. The couple was presented an electric coffee percolator.

Lee and Aileen Brody of Fair Lawn, N. J., will have an addition to their house. It is going to be a new patio. Hope they will enjoy it a great deal.

Ye scribe's daughter, Linda Susan, had a birthday party on May 29th. She just became three. About twelve children were there and they had a hilarious time. Two weeks later Linda was exposed to chickenpox. It was during the heat wave. The disease was very severe and she had a very bad time. Linda's little brother, Randall, will become one year old on June 23rd.

Miss Genia Wilson, who came to Buffalo as a displaced person from Poland several year ago, won the title of "Queen of the Deaf of Western New York State" at the annual May Crowning Festival sponsored by the Buffalo Catholic Deaf Society on May 24th.

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## Earl Beasley Called After Short Illness

The little church was crowded with mourners both young and old, both deaf and hearing. They were there to pay their last respects to the memory of their friend and loved one.

For death had struck a shining mark in claiming the life of one of Southern California's most prominent deaf citizens, Earl Walter Beasley. Death's shaft had driven deep into the hearts of the hundreds who gathered at the Church of Christ in Compton, California, that Saturday morning, June 8, 1957. Not only had the family lost a wonderful husband and father, a fine son and loving brother, but the world of the deaf had lost a kindly friend and great humanitarian. For Earl Beasley, a victim of melanoma cancer at the age of 48, had been a truly fine person; his ready smile and helping hand are going to be missed more and more as time goes by.

Earl first became ill in March when minor surgery disclosed the presence of malignant cancer and, less than three months later, despite the concentrated efforts of medical science either to save or prolong his life, Earl's family was forced to accept the fact that he could not survive. Known but to God is the courage with which Earl, wan and wasted from the ravages of the dreadful disease, called his father to his bedside on Monday, June 3, and asked that plans be made to insure the welfare of the young wife and little son he was leaving behind. Two days later, facing death as cheerfully and bravely as he had lived; loving life and with so much to live for, Earl died quietly during the evening hours of Wednesday, June 5, at Compton's St. Francis Hospital, with his wife, Hope, at his bedside.

The funeral services were conducted by Hugh Shira, with Mr. Charles H. Mephram interpreting for the deaf. Mr. T. W. Elliott, Earl's friend of many



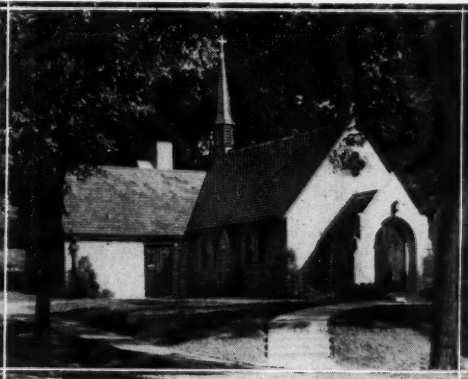
EARL and HOPE BEASLEY

years, delivered a touching eulogy.

Born in a small town in Oklahoma, Earl was educated at the Oklahoma School at Sulphur. In 1943 he came to California and shortly thereafter went into a dry cleaning business with his father. They owned and operated the M and M Cleaners at 609 E. Compton Blvd. In 1945 Earl took unto himself a bride, the former Hope Luna, of La Habra, a graduate of the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley. Of this union a son, Richard, was born. Besides his wife and son, Earl is survived by his father, J. W. Beasley; four brothers, Otis, Fred, Monroe, and Terrill; and one sister, Genevieve.

The family home was sold just before Earl's illness became serious and Mrs. Beasley and 11-year-old Richard are now living in an apartment at 716 E. Cypress Street, Compton, California. Although Hope is endeavoring to work and carry on with the business established by Earl and his father, she will welcome visits or letters from her friends. — G.F.

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Shown here are four deaf from the Northwest enjoying a visit to Hawaii in April. Left to right, up the stairway they are Robert J. Ryan of Valier, Montana; Mrs. Ryan; Mrs. Ivy G. Low of Salt Lake City; and Mrs. Edith M. Cross of Valier. The young lady at the right is Mrs. Lois K. Davidson of Great Falls, Montana, who was reared by the Ryans. She was interpreter for the others. Mrs. Low was a teacher in the Montana school for 33 years, and Mr. Ryan is a retired cattle man. The four spent their vacation in Hawaii in the same manner as anyone else — buying loud Aloha shirts, sightseeing, and writing post cards. This picture was published in the Honolulu Advertiser, which had an interesting article about the visitors.

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About 300 persons attended the gala affair under the chairmanship of Mrs. Daniel Pordum.

The Buffalo Civic Association of the Deaf held its annual Emerald Ball on May 25th. The purpose of the annual Ball is to raise funds for the Gallaudet Home for the Aged Deaf at Poughkeepie, N.Y. An enjoyable evening was had by those who attended the semi-formal affair at the Forty and Eight Club on Delaware Avenue in Buffalo.

Wedding bells rang out for Miss Suzanne Childs and Charles Bronder on June 1st at St. Mary's School for the Deaf Chapel. Miss Laurene Masse of Toronto, Canada, a former classmate of the bride, was maid of honor. Best man was William Flanders, Jr., and ushers were Daniel Pordum of Buffalo and Robert Lagomarsini of New York City. A breakfast reception followed the ceremony and a buffet reception was held later in the evening. Mr. Bronder is a native New Yorker who attended St. Mary's School in Buffalo. He had lived in Los Angeles and Oakland before coming back to Buffalo. The bridal couple received a down payment for a new home as a wedding gift from the bride's grandmother. Congratulations and best wishes to the lucky pair.

Another former resident of Los Angeles, George Fuller, was joined in matrimony to Miss Betty Haus of Binghamton, N. Y., on May 18th. The couple have made their home in Rochester, N. Y.

The Auxiliary Division of the Buffalo Club

of the Deaf gave its annual Punch Party in honor of the mothers on May 28th. Mrs. James Coughlin was elected the "Most Outstanding Mother of the Year" and received a prize. Mrs. Robert Heacock was runner-up for the title. This event was under the direction of Miss Alice Guinane.

On May 16th St. Mary's School for the Deaf held its annual Class Day, which is an all day affair, beginning with the high school students attending Mass, ending with a program and dance in the evening. The theme this year was "Paris in the Springtime" and it was a very interesting day to all those outsiders who attended. The Junior and Senior

High graduates received their diplomas on June 16th. We wish them all the success and happiness in the world.

On June 8th, the Buffalo Club of the Deaf held an all day outing at Burst's Grove. Highlights of the day included a softball game between the Buffalo Club and the Rochester Recreation Club, with the former winning 5 to 4. Mr. John Solazzo was the hero of the heated game when his bunt sent the man on third base home near the conclusion of the game. The outing, under the chairmanship of Leo Szablicki, was a great success and Leo was praised for his endeavors in giving everyone present a fine time.

## Stalling Along . . .

By Stahl Butler.

Executive Director, Michigan Association for Better Hearing



I left home at eight Saturday morning and returned late Sunday evening. Some amounts of weekend work are part of a job like this. But I cannot remember another time when I worked long hours on both Saturday and Sunday. Three aspects of my two-day trip may be interesting to some who wonder what I do.

After attending an all-day United Fund meeting in Battle Creek, I drove to Grand Rapids to attend the banquet of the Christian Deaf Fellowship Convention where I met so many deaf that I had known in years past. About the convention, I never was more surprised and impressed in my life. I learned that there were seventeen ministers of the deaf present, including the Reverend and Mrs. John Meakowa of Osaka, Japan, and the Reverend and Mrs. Willis Etheridge of Kingston, Jamaica. Miss Paula Montgomery of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was there preparing herself to begin missionary work with the deaf in Jamaica. An award to the largest delegation from the greatest distance went to the Portland, Oregon, group. I never before had seen so many hearing people who could sign so well. There were so many hearing people to honor that there was only one deaf person at the head table.

Following an old plan of church hospitality, many or all of the delegates were entertained in the homes of Grand Rapids people. Then the deaf people who had been entertained invited their hosts to the banquet. This was a public information-public relations twist that certainly must have been effective.

I understand that the next convention of the Christian Deaf Fellowship will be held in Charlotte, N.C., in 1960. I would like to go and become an active member. The organization is meeting a very definite need.

What took me far away from home on Father's Day was an experiment in public education. I have realized for a

long time that there likely are more hard of hearing people in churches than in most other agencies. Also, our efforts are home missionary in nature. I have a lecture which I have been using for several years. I put all three together and volunteered my services to several churches in a rather poor area and I got a call to "preach" in two churches almost immediately. Will see how the plan works out and I hope I don't have to "preach" every Sunday!

I call my lecture "Communication in the Silent World." I touch on speech, lipreading, hearing aids, writing, and then finger spelling and signs. I teach some signs so the audience can follow along when I give a poem in words and signs simultaneously.

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After "preaching" twice I drove to a nearby community where the village clerk was trying to help a local deaf citizen get suitable and adequate employment. Four of us sat around a table for an hour and a half. We finally decided to try first an appeal to the community through the local newspaper. According to plans, a picture and a biographical story will be used to let people know of the need and to ask for suggestions from the community. The story also will let the people know that there is no welfare grant available for a person just because he is deaf. The village clerk said that many jobs were closed to the man because he could not drive a car or truck. You should have seen their eyes stick out when I said that if ability to drive meant a job for him, I would assume the responsibility of getting the deaf man a driver's license.

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Coach Earl Roberts and other Michigan deaf have been trying to raise money to send two Michigan School track stars to the international games for deaf athletes at Milan, Italy, August 25-31. Hope they make it.



Robert Lagomarsini and his fiancée, Miss Jean Rudolph, both of New York City, were honored at a Stag and a Bridal Shower, respectively held on June 2nd in Buffalo. Bob was guest at the Stag Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Flanders, Jr.; given by his team mates of the Buffalo Club of the Deaf Basketball team. Jean was surprised at a shower which was given by Mrs. Daniel Pordum, wife of the coach of the basketball team, with Miss Barbara Seiferth and Miss Alice M. Guinane assisting, at the latter's home. The engaged couple plan to be married on July 7th in New York City.

Mr. Donald Gagliardo is sporting a beautiful new '57 Ford convertible in flaming red. Beware of the gals, Don!

Mrs. Daniel Pordum of Buffalo sent the news of the Buffalo area. Thanks.

## MISSOURI . . .

The Annual Bowling Tournament sponsored by the Heart of America Club of the Deaf was held on May 20th with a large crowd present. Herbert Teaney won the first place with \$150 and Ed. Fisher and Earl Smith tied for second place, getting \$75 each. Ed. Fisher has won the second place for the third straight year. After the tournament, there were two parties, one at the HACD and one at the Kansas City Club for the Deaf. At the HACD a short play was put on by Elmer Bowers, Jr.

A group of Iowans who attended the tournament had a car accident at Leon, Iowa, while on their way home to Des Moines, leaving Kansas City about midnight. Bob Montgomery drove for Ross Koons, when a newspaper boy on his bike turned left and hit Koons' car. All were sent to Loamis Hospital and the only one badly injured was Marvin Tuttle, who suffered a broken ankle and cuts on his face.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Krapan and two sons went to Los Angeles on June 3rd by train to visit Bob's two sisters and their families for three weeks. Catherine and the boys were taking their first train ride, on the El Capitán.

Mrs. Frank Turk (nee Bernice Barlow) and son Frankie, Jr., are spending the month of June in Kansas City with her folks and friends. Frank wasn't able to come as he is tied to his job in Washington, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. James Randall (nee Peggy Stack) of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are spending the summer in Olathe, Kansas, with James' parents. Both James and Peggy are teachers at the Louisiana School for the Deaf.

Ruth Miller of the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver, Wash., came to Kansas City to visit her brother Ed and his family before going to the teachers convention in Knoxville, Tenn. and the NAD in St. Louis.

On July 7th Mrs. Fred Murphy and daughter Beverly, flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, to visit her two sisters and their families for two weeks. Fred and their three sons stayed at home "batching it."

The tornado of May 20th which hit Ruskin Heights, about eight miles south of Kansas City, did not affect any of our deaf friends, but there were three homes of children of deaf parents which were destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wear's son and family escaped when their house was hit by a big branch. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Goldansky's son, Sanford, and family, were slightly injured but their home was completely gone. Mrs. Eugene Hughes' and Mr. Harry Schelp's sister and husband were critically injured and are still in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Erlene Graybill took her brothers and sisters and Mrs. Frank Turk with her in her car to attend the annual picnic at Hutchinson, Kansas, on June 9th. There was 275 people at the picnic.

The deaf of Missouri are trying to raise money to send Eddie Lanig of St. Louis to the 8th International Games for the Deaf at

Milan, Italy, on August 25-31, 1957. Paul Baldridge, of Fulton, is chairman of the fund.

Kenneth Standley spent his two weeks vacation in Tucson, Arizona, and came back so darkly tanned that we didn't know him. While there, he attended a picnic for the deaf at Mesa, Ariz.

At last, Anton Japins has become a naturalized citizen of the United States — on June 13th. He is now married to the former Marian Smith of Topeka.

The St. Louis Silents' Fifth Annual picnic will take place on August 16 at Donder Park. Last year everybody had a wonderful time, with good food, even watermelon, a jitterbug contest, and swimming in the river or a pool. This year we shall add a beauty contest. Dean Brooks will be chairman again this year.

Ray Corbin has a sleek new black '57 Olds. He lost his Buick in an accident last year, and was badly hurt, but we are glad he is his old self again.

## COLORADO . . .

The Colorado Association of the Deaf sponsored its first banquet in honor of the graduating class of the Colorado School, and for two other pupils receiving certificates, at the Swiss Chalet Restaurant in Colorado Springs on Saturday evening, May 25th. The banquet room was filled to capacity with one hundred fifteen people, mostly from Denver and Colorado Springs, with a few from Pueblo and other towns. Rev. Homer E. Grace said the grace before the dinner. After dinner, the program consisted of a brief report by Pres. Theodore W. Tucker, in regard to the Seniors and explained the meaning of the C.A.D.; and then Mr. James R. Kirkley, speaker for the evening, the head teacher of the deaf department in the Colorado School, gave a very wonderful talk in regard to the survey of the Occupational Conditions among the Deaf and about the employment among the deaf at the present. Everyone enjoyed this talk; then Mr. James Tuskey of Denver, the oldest and only charter member of the C.A.D. present at the banquet gave an interesting talk about how the association was formed fifty-three years ago (1905) and how it has progressed so far until the present time. Supt. Roy M. Stelle of the Colorado School, gave a brief talk; and then Jack Clair, the President of the Class of 1957, took the platform with a little stage fright and gave a few words of thanks for the invitation to the Seniors to the banquet and how much they enjoyed the evening. Lastly, Rev. Grace gave the closing prayer. It was raining cats and dogs after the banquet so most of those there scurried home to Denver and their homes in the Springs. The 1957 graduates were Jack Clair, Dee Haptonstall, David Horkans, Bernardo Salazar, Darlene Wilson, Faith Warnes, Joan Warner, and Patty Johnston, and the two other guests were Rosie Lee Moore and Kenneth Greenwood. The C.A.D. has its special meeting in the auditorium of the school in the afternoon to formally elect a delegate to the N.A.D. convention in St. Louis and to approve the donation of a trophy to the M.A.A.D. basketball tournament to be held in February 1958. Ted Tucker has been named delegate to the convention by the Board and his appointment was unanimously accepted at the meeting.

After the meeting, Mrs. Iona Simpson, of Denver, a retired teacher from the Kansas School residing in Denver the past 12 years, asked Fred Gustafson to take her to the Union Printers' Home to see her old friend, Mr. Tracy Elder, formerly of Kansas City, Mo., for a short visit and they recalled memories of their early days. Mrs. Simpson was surprised to see how well the Home takes care of its patients.

On May 23rd, Mr. Thomas Pugh, from Luxora, Arkansas, now spending two months

as a floorman at *The Denver Post*, in Denver, was a visitor in Colorado Springs, at the School and at the Union Printers' Home where three aged deaf, Mr. Fred Foster, Mr. Fred Baars and Mr. Tracy Elder, are now residing.

On Thursday, May 30th (Memorial Day), Mr. Fred Baars, formerly of Huttonsville, Illinois, now residing at the Union Printers' Home, was a visitor in the Colorado School, surprising Thomas Fishler in the printing shop and Fred Gustafson in the bakery. Mr. Baars said he was called to his home in Illinois when his wife passed away at the age of 87 in April. He reported that Fred Foster, being travel-minded, planned to attend the N.A.D. Convention in St. Louis in July.

Mrs. Iona Simpson has sold her fashionable brick house with an up-to-date underground sprinkling system in Denver and moved into an apartment. Mrs. Emma Seeley, retired teacher from the Arkansas School, who lived in an apartment on the other side of the house, has moved, too, and is living with her brother and sister-in-law.

Alexander S. Wright, of Colorado Springs, passed away at the Glockner-Penrose Hospital on Friday afternoon, May 31st, after a serious illness resulting from another heart attack brought on May 18th. He is survived by his wife, Hattie; two sons, George and Alexander Jr., both of Colorado Springs; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Pierce, of Denver; and twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at the Swan Mortuary at one o'clock on Monday, June 2, with Elder Claire W. Snell of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints officiating, and Supt. Stelle of the Colorado School, interpreting. Mr. Wright was buried at the Colorado Memorial Gardens, a new cemetery begun a few years ago, located several miles East of Prospect Lake.

He was born in Salt Lake City on Dec. 21, 1887, and was educated in the Utah School. He taught shoemaking in the Montana School for a few years before coming to Colorado in 1922, and was an instructor of shoemaking and leathercraft thirty-five years. He was also basketball coach during this time. Mr. Wright had his first heart attack on October 15th and was confined to the hospital for several weeks and came back to work after the Xmas holidays after months of recuperation. The alumni of the Colorado School and other friends extend their sympathy to Mrs. Wright and the family in loss of the loved one. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had been married 44 years.

Stephen Ricci, of Wheatridge, Colorado, was stricken with a bleeding ulcer on Friday, May 24th and was taken to Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver. He is one of the 46 deaf employees of the Shwayder Bros., makers of Samsonite Luggage.

New births among the deaf in Denver during June increased the population by three.

The Robert Zlateks became parents of their first, a boy, on June 9th while the Eddie Durans welcomed their second girl and fourth child on June 9th, too. The Wayne Bells welcomed their first, a girl, sometime during the first of June, date unknown to this writer.

Francis Mog, of Wilson, Kansas, who has been working in North Platte, Nebraska, as a linotypist, is now living in Denver and is on the waiting list for the Catholic Register. Norman McCracken and Robert Bundy are also employed by the *Catholic Register*, a weekly newspaper. Suzanne Mog, sister of Francis, who will be a senior at Gallaudet College this fall, is working in Denver this summer at the Farmers Union Insurance Co., which company also employs Rachel Warnick and Eva Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Lange, and family, of the Oregon School, stopped over in Denver on June 19th to visit the Loren Elstads (nee Mary Cusaden). The Langes were on their

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## New York Alumni Honor Dr. Fusfeld

Dr. Irving S. Fusfeld, so loved, so honored by all who knew him during his recently terminated years at Gallaudet College, was guest of honor along with his charming wife, also a doctor but in the medical field, at a reception given April twenty-eighth at the Community Center of the Deaf, New York City. The Metropolitan Chapter of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association planned the affair; Mrs. Tanya Nash, who was present, made possible the use of a large, attractive, air-conditioned room at the Center; Max Friedman '31 and his wife, Frances Macon Friedman, took charge, and the whole thing went off with sparkling efficiency. The buffet was arranged by Mrs. Friedman—all buff and blue, the college colors, with a floral centerpiece coming as a surprise from Dr. and Mrs. Franz Kallmann of the Psychiatric Institute at Medical Center, which conducts a mental health clinic for the deaf. There was a huge cake in the shape of an open book inscribed to Dr. Fusfeld; silver candlesticks (heirlooms in Mrs. Friedman's family) gleamed; the refreshments were warmly appreciated, including coffee prepared in a convenient kitchen and poured by Margaret E. Jackson '25, Belle Peters '22 and her sister, Sarah Kaminsky ex-'20.

Mr. Mark Wodin and Dr. Edna Levine of the Psychiatric Institute attended and Boyce Williams, '32, came up from Washington. The once active Friends of the Deaf, composed of parents of deaf children (a number of whom went on to Gallaudet), was represented. In all, about 60 were present.

There came a moment in the midst of the lively chatter when Max Friedman mounted the platform and hinted that he would like a little attention. The announcement he made was obviously a stunning surprise for Dr. Fusfeld—that the Metropolitan Chapter had been raising funds for a portrait of Dr. Fusfeld to be hung in Chapel Hall at Gallaudet College and an artist had been chosen (subject to Dr. Fusfeld's consent), Mr. Lester Bentley—who did the painting of President Eisenhower now hanging in Columbia University Chapel. Vincent Byrne '41, announced that about \$775 had thus far been collected. Dr. Fusfeld, noticeably moved by the tribute, spoke with the humility of a great man on how pleased he would be to be represented among those noted leaders whose portraits hang within the ivied walls of Chapel Hall. The feminine Dr. Fusfeld beamed even as she touched a kerchief to her eyes. Boyce Williams spoke in his quiet friendly manner, Dr. Marcus L. Kenner said a few welcome words, Dr. Levine interpreted when

necessary, and Miss Jackson managed it all with aplomb. It was a heart-warming, enjoyable afternoon for all who attended and the Chapter only wishes that all the generous contributors could have been there.

Dr. Fusfeld has since met the artist in his studio at Greenwich, Connecticut, where the work will be done. Both men enjoyed the meeting and Mr. Bentley was so moved he offered to make a larger portrait at the same fee to do his subject justice.

—ALICE JANE MCVAN

## SWinging . . .

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way to the Teachers Convention. The Langes had the opportunity to meet the Alex Pavalkos, the Fred Schmidts, the Don Warnicks and the Herb Votaws that evening as there was a meeting to plan the big picnic to be held June 23rd, benefit the coming 1958 MAAD tourney.

## MONTANA . . .

A new addition to the Billings group is Buddy Evans, now a machinist at H. S. Engine Company.

Due to her father's illness, Doris Thomas resigned her position in Canada and is back at Beauty Service Shop as a beauty operator.

A bridal shower was given Amelia Dalke at Mrs. Harriet Gross' home in Laurel. Those who attended, despite the heavy rain, were Mrs. Tennis Milligan, Mrs. Alfred Bury, Mae Snow, Doris Thomas, and Ingeborg Nerhus. Amelia is to marry John Hetland on June 18.

Mrs. Iva Brock of Butte returned home from Spokane the latter part of April. She reported a nice time.

Ed Baker has been having a hard row to hoe. He has one bad leg and was struck on his good leg with a ten gallon milk can while working at the Montana Ice and Storage in Butte. Infection set in and he was stricken with a serious siege of flu. Then, he was laid off from work and everything resulted in a breakdown. He was in the hospital for five days. He is now home, twenty pounds lighter, and awaiting the return of his strength before seeking employment elsewhere.

Maureen Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Miller of Great Falls, was married to Walter C. Christensen in March. They are now residing on a farm in Kenmare, North Dakota. This fall he will assume employment at the television station in Kalispell, Montana. The Millers formerly lived in North Dakota. He is employed by the *Great Falls Tribune*.

Nylene Ann came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Stewart of Sunnyslope, Arizona, on April 21st. The Stewarts celebrated their first anniversary on the same date Fred is a product of the Montana School while Mrs. Stewart is a graduate of the Oklahoma School.

Lyle Olson, the only deaf ski patrol that we know of, narrowly escaped injury, and possibly death when he was caught in an avalanche at Bridger Bowl, Bozeman, Montana. Olson, with other patrolmen, was testing the snow for slide conditions when the weight of his skis started the slide. He was able to ride with the mass of snow for a short distance, then managed to grab onto a tree. Other patrolmen rescued him with ropes. The slide was 300 feet wide and 1,200 feet long.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eide spent a month's vacation in Washington State, California, and Las Vegas, Nevada, where they visited friends and relatives. In the Golden State they

saw the sights of Yosemite Park and visited the Leo Jacobs. Mr. Stork will alight at the Eides' home come October.

Mr. and Mrs. James Trunkle of Detroit, Michigan, were recently in Great Falls. All were anxious to meet his new wife of ten months.

Misses Ramona Jensen and Jane Whitsell, 1957 graduates of the Montana School, are presently employed at the Great Falls First National Bank.

## CALIFORNIA . . .

Frank Sladek, Sr., father of Frank Sladek and Mrs. Vasken (Mary) Aghabalian, was rushed to a Long Beach hospital early the morning of June 8th suffering from an asthmatic stroke. Friends hope the elder Sladek will recover right soon and be ready for the albacore season in July when he and Frank plan to take to the local fishing banks.

The way that gal Iva Smallidge makes news . . . maybe she oughta hire a publicity agent. No time to reach for a pair of sunglasses the morning of June 22 when Iva flashed that one and a half carat sparkler in our face and announced that she and Ed Martini would repeat nuptial vows around September 18. The diamond, almost too beautiful to describe, is mounted in pure platinum and flanked by two brilliant baquette diamonds. Friends opine that our Iva oughta spend another couple of bucks for a pair of gloves; the ring, with 18 facets, could easily cause temporary blindness to the unprepared.

'Tis a girl, Julie Lynn, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Honig. Julie arrived at the unheard hour of 2:45 a.m. June 5, 1957, and weighed in at slightly over seven pounds. Our congratulations to the Honigs!

Julian and Lucile Gardner took to the local fishing banks aboard the Hornet June 1st to San Clemente and we hear Julian really treated his pals that evening at the Los Angeles Club in celebration of winning the \$49 jackpot for his yellowtail, the largest fish caught that day.

Among new-comers to the Southland is likeable James Hawkins of Akron, Ohio. James has secured fine employment and has hopes of sending for Mrs. Hawkins and the children right soon, although his decision may well hinge on the results of negotiations with the Riverside School for the admission of his two deaf boys in September. At present James is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brinker in nearby Rivera.

The Bakersfield Club of the Deaf played gracious host to people from all over California at their annual Picnic at Hart Memorial Park in Bakersfield June 16.

Robert Matthews of Garden Grove sent in a clipping telling of the sudden death of Orlin Edgar Cross, Sr., 73, of 2147 S. Van Ness Ave., Santa Ana, Calif., on Thursday, June 6th. Mr. Cross was born at Creal Springs, Ill. and lived in Memphis, Tenn., before coming to Santa Ana eight years ago. He was a retired sawyer in a box factory. Survivors include his wife, one son, two daughters, one brothers, and three grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, June 9, with Rev. A. T. Jonas officiating. Interment was at Fairhaven Memorial Park on Monday, June 10.

Mrs. Jennie Herbst of New Jersey is spending the summer months visiting her son at Newport Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin O'Neal of Santa Ana are seeing to it that Jennie takes in all local gatherings in nearby cities.

Herb and Loel Schreiber entertained at a Hot Dog Bust and Bean Burp June 9th, and among those present were a sprinkling of new Gallaudet faces and numerous local lites: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Mintz entertained friends at a Card Party at their lovely Brentwood apartment one recent Saturday evening. Bidden were the Forrest Jacksons, Herb Schrei-



bers, George Elliotts, Milton Pinks, and the Robert Jacksons; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barnes of Castro Valley, Calif., spent a week at the beautiful Sherman Oaks home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Babbini (Barbara Sanderson); Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fahr spent Memorial Day visiting relatives down in San Diego; Luther B. Harris postaled from Las Vegas that he is out of the hospital, feeling chipper, and en route to Houston, Texas, for the summer. Quite a crowd gathered at Ruth and Roger Skinner's wonderful 'patio' Saturday, June 8, to take in the Hollywood Club's barbecue and beach party.

Maud and Angelo Skropeta spend a wonderful month entertaining Maud's son and family of New Orleans at their home in El Monte. With Angelo on vacation too, the little family had quite a merry time taking in the sights at Knott's Berry Farm and spending more than they could afford at Disneyland, just like everybody else.

Since moving his family to Paramount, a community just southwest of Los Angeles, Jack Heddon has made the acquaintance of dozens of deaf residents of the smaller cities which surround L.A.. Jack quickly learned that almost everyone with a car for transportation had moved from L.A. to the suburbs which include the thriving cities of Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Buena Park, La Habra, Dominguez, Downey, Hollydale, Lakewood, Lynwood, Montebello, North Long Beach, and several dozen others. It was then that Jack decided that all those suburbanites should get together and . . . so it came to pass that he rounded up several hundred addresses and mailed out circulars announcing a gala picnic at Norwalk Park on June 9th. Those attending were quite overwhelmed at the large crowd present and it was decided to make the event an annual affair.



### Sixty-three Years of Happiness

Mr. and Mrs. G. Walfrid Anderson of Chanute, Kansas celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary quietly on March 11. They have been living in Chanute for years and have many friends and nice neighbors who help make them enjoy life. They have one daughter and how many grandchildren they have is not known at present.

They are lifetime Kansans having

been educated at the Kansas School for the deaf. He is a retired printer. One time he was instructor of printing at the Kansas school and worked in different places in and around Chanute. The happy couple were married in Stillwater, Oklahoma Territory, on March 11, 1894. He is 85 and she is 82.

Is there any couple having been married longer than the Andersons?

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For hotel reservations, please write NOW to Mr. Eugene D. Casey, manager, Hotel Casey, Scranton 3, Pennsylvania.



# CHECKMATE!

By "Loco" Ladner



## Tournament Results

Fourth B: Arthur Yule is going great guns with wins over Dr. Burnes and Joe Lacey and a draw with Gemar. He has 3½; Gemar has 1½-½; Lacey, 0-2; Burnes, 0-2. Bostwick and McCarthy have not completed any games.

In the A Tournament Ladner continues undefeated but is due for downfalls shortly. He upped his score to 6-0 with wins over Chauvenet and Shipley. Collins resigned all his remaining games to finish at the bottom with 0-18. We envy him as he has no place to go except up. Font won over Sabin and Rosenkjar and now is 6-1. Kannapell and Chauvenet drew. Stevenson, 4-1; Leitson, 7-2; Kannapell, 3½-1½; Chauvenet, 7½-4½; Shipley 3-5; Sabin, 2-3; Rosenkjar, 2-5 are the remaining standings. From here it looks like Font has the inside track.

## Mike Cohen Memorial Tournament

Juan Font has entered the first Mike Cohen Memorial Tournament and we hope other players will follow his lead and enter if they can make it at all. It would be a fine tribute to the memory of a champion chess player and also a boost to chess among the deaf.

## N.A.D. Chess Tournament

Larry Leitson is in charge and reports he has yet to receive any entries. It would be a shame to abandon the tournament but that is what must be done if not enough players show up.

## The Ladner Game

(Below is the game by Emil Ladner, mentioned on this page last month. — Ed.)

HAYWARD FESTIVAL  
JUNE 19, 1955

## Sicilian Defense

(Modern Dragon Variation)

White: Ladner	Black: B. Zeiler
1. P-K4 P-QB4	17. QxKP Q-N3
2. N-KB3 P-Q3(a)	18. N-R4 Q-B3
3. P-Q4 PxP	19. P-QN3 P-N4 (e)
4. NxP N-KB3	20. P-K5!(f) PxP
5. N-QB3 P-KN3	21. QxBP QxQ
6. B-K2(b) N-B3	22. NxQ B-B4
7. O-O B-N2	23. P-B3 QR-B1
8. B-KN5 O-O	24. P-QN4 KR-Q1
9. Q-Q2 N-KN5(c)	25. KR-Q1 K-B3
10. NxN PxN	26. QR-B1 P-N5
11. BxN BxB	27. K-B2 P-KR4
12. B-R6 Q-R4	28. RxR RxR
13. BxB KxB	29. K-K3 PxP
14. P-B3 B-K3	30. PxP P-R5
15. P-QR3 P-QB4	31. K-K2 P-R6
16. Q-N5 P-KR3(d)	32. R-KN1 R-K1
	33. R-N3 R-QB1

34. N-K4 ch(g)	K-K3	40. RxP	P-R4
35. N-B5 ch	K-Q4	41. N-N7!(h)	R-K1 ch
36. R-N5	B-N3	42. K-Q2	K-Q5
37. P-B4	K-B5	43. NxP	R-K5?
38. RxP	KxP	44. R-Q3 mate(i)	
39. R-K3 ch	K-B5		

(a) With this modern text, Black signifies his intention of playing the Dragon Variation. In the old text, 2... N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PxP; NxP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3, White can prevent this with 6. B-KN5, the Richter Attack.

(b) 6. P-KN3, followed by 7. B-N2 is also good as it prevents... P-Q4 for all time. Or the strong 6. P-B3, introduced by the Russian Rauzer into master play.

(c) With this N sally, Black allows White to simplify the game with a series of exchanges. Better, perhaps, was 9... NxN; 10. QxN, N-Q2 baring the Black dragon's fangs.

(d) "Will you walk into my parlor?" said the spider... Black is setting a trap for the White Q. But White sensed it and found a tiny loophole in it.

(e) Apparently dooming the White Q.

(f) The tiny loophole for the Q to squeeze through.

(g) Note that if 34... BxN; 35. PxP, White is still a Pawn ahead. In addition the White R can capture the RP.

(h) The crusher! A N fork is threatened as well as capture of the Pawn.

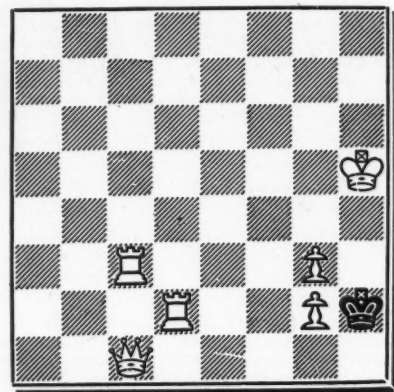
(i) An extraordinary finish! Black was apparently punch drunk and failed to see the mate. Or deliberately committed hara-kiri. At one time Black had offered White a draw. But White was a Pawn up and needed the win to get first prize.

## Easy Problem?

Last May we challenged the chess players to solve a two-move problem. We warned them that the problem seems easy but gave them 24 hours to solve it. Juan Font and Larry Leitson took up the Challenge and sent in their solutions, each claiming it took but one minute. However they were shocked to learn they were dead wrong. No other players sent in solutions so we guess it was too deep for them. The key move is 1. R-K7, not 1. B-B5 (This is defeated by 1... Q-B5). Now for this month we are submitting a very easy problem. Black has only one man — the King —

and can offer very little resistance to mate. What are White's two moves? Par for the problem is 10 minutes.

BLACK



WHITE

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

## More Chess Traps to Avoid Falling Into

No. 4: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-KB3; 3. NxP, PxN; 4. Q-R5ch, K-K2; (See if 4... P-KN3; 5. QxKpch, Q-K2; 6. QxR and wins) 5. Q-Pch, K-B2; 6. B-B4ch, K-N3; 7. Q-B5ch, K-R3; 8. P-Q4ch, P-N4; 9. P-KR4, P-Q3; 10. PxPch, K-B2; 11. Q-B7 mate.

No. 5: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. B-B4, P-Q3; 4. N-B3, B-N5; 5. O-O, N-Q5; 6. NxKP, BxQ; 7. BxPch, K-K2; 8. N-Q5 mate.

No. 6: When I started to play I was puzzled by the following: 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, N-KB3; 4. B-N5, QN-Q2; 5. PxP, PxP; and wondered why I could not play 6. NxP until I discovered that Black would play: 6... NxN; 7. BxQ, B-N5ch and wins.

No. 7: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, B-N5; 4. PxP, BxN (If 4. PxP; 5. QxQch, KxQ; 6. NxP etc.) 5. QxB, PxP; 6. B-QB4, N-KB3; 7. Q-QN3, P-QN3; 8. BxPch, K-Q2; 9. Q-K6 mate.

No. 8: 1. P-K4, P-QB3; 2. P-K4, P-Q4; 3. P-K5, B-B4; 4. B-Q3, B-N3?; 5. P-K6, PxP; 6. BxBch, PxB; 7. Q-N4, K-B2; 8. N-KB3 wins easy.

No. 9: 1. A mistake often made by beginners in the Petroff Defense: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, N-KB3; 3. NxP, NxP?; 4. Q-K2, P-Q4; 5. P-Q3, N-B4?; 6. N-B6 check.

No. 10: 1. P-KN4, P-Q4; 2. B-N2, BxP; 3. P-QB4! and White has the better game.

(to be continued)

Congratulations to Bill Sabin who won second place in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, chess tournament. His score was 8-1. He is now playing in a spring tournament and should place as high or higher.



AAAD Hall of Fame Prospect . . .

## "SMILING JOE" ALLEN

**One of Deafdom's Greatest All-Around Athletes . . . His "Jackrabbit Play" Foxed Foes . . . Reveals Goodyear Silents Made Plenty of Noise on Gridiron . . . Was Goodyear's Wings' Lone Deaf Cager . . . Only Deaf on Sandusky Maroon Football Team . . . Greatest Deaf Track and Field Performer of His Time . . . Played Baseball, Too . . . A Four-Sports Star at Colorado School for the Deaf . . . Always a Star on All Winning Teams for 15 Years . . .**

By James L. Nine

**M**INN.-RIGHT-F-L snaps the quarterback. The line and backs spring to the right. Over on the left end a rather small, smiling, youngish, youngster crouches in the shadow of a big, burly tackle. The backs feign to run to the right. They are attracting the attention of the opponents. The little, smiling youngster disconnects himself from the shadow and speeds down to the left. The backs stop and out from among them sails the ball. Forty yards down the field it lands in the waiting arms of the youngster. A few seconds later the ball is behind the goal posts—a touchdown.

Rah! Rah!! Allen!!! roars the crowd.

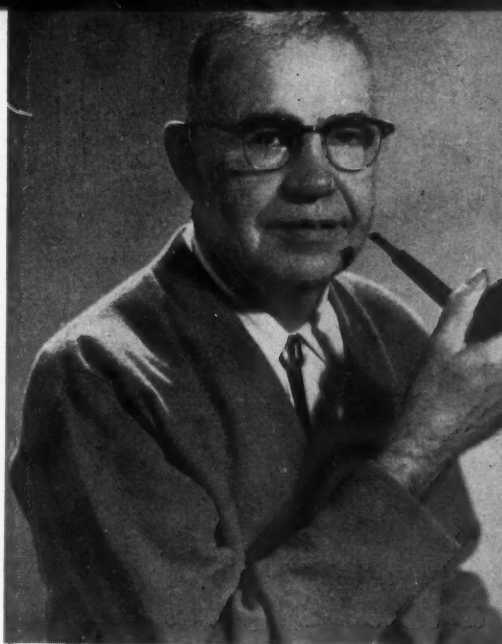
And here's a brief story related to me by a deaf Californian whom I met at Cleveland, Ohio, last April during the AAAD national basketball tournament.

"About two years ago at Los Angeles, Calif., a hearing person noted that I am deaf and inquired if I knew Joe Allen. I told him I sure knew Allen for I used

to work at Akron, Ohio, during World War II. The hearing person said he, too, worked there, but during World War I. He saw Joe Allen play in all sports and considered him the greatest all-around athlete he had ever seen."

Well, leafing back over the pages of the past several years I learn why Joe Allen is recognized as one of the greatest all-around deaf athletes of all time, and I consider him as one of the outstanding prospects for the AAAD Hall of Fame. He was featured in almost every game in all sports which brought fame to the Goodyear Silent Athletic Club and also other athletic teams of the hearing, and from his former schoolmates I find that he was a star ever since he was able to crawl.

Smiling Joe Allen was born on February 5, 1899, in Leadville, Colorado, within the shadow of Pikes Peak, and it was here that he acquired his first victory medals. He was prominent in races from high chair to school days. He and his brother Charlie broke indoor



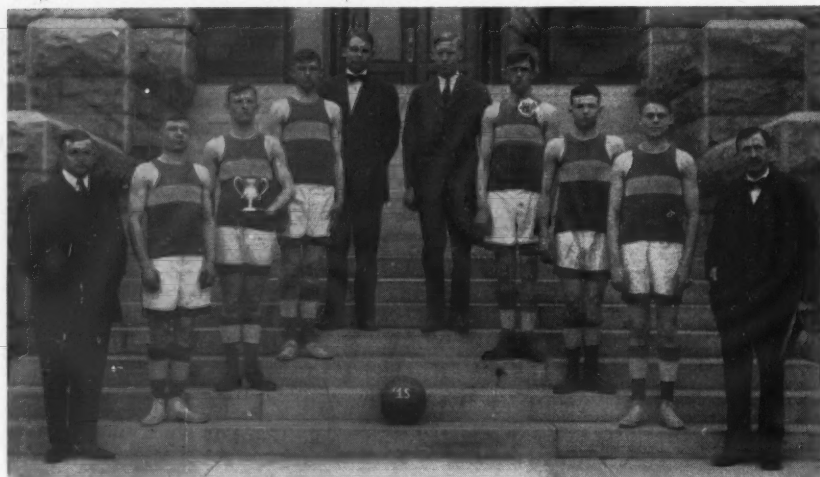
"Smiling Joe" Allen today, age 58, relives his very memorable years as one of deafdom's greatest all-around athletes of all time.

records and other things in the Allen household when in the creeping age. The twain toed the mark when even baby shoes were absent. Joe could cover the kitchen floor in split seconds. Charlie was always at his side. Their mother was the first trainer. The winner received as a reward for athletic accomplishments, in the infant competition, corn-bread spread on both sides. The vanquished one received a slice of bread with jam on but one side.

Joe and Charlie were natural athletes. The talent was handed down from their parents. The father could trim any other

One of Joe Allen's greatest Goodyear Silents Football Teams — 1921 edition. By defeating the Marlowes of Akron, in the final game of the season, 28-0, this team copped the semi-pro football championship of Ohio and vicinity for the third consecutive year. It played twelve games, winning eleven and losing one. This one was to the Massillon Blues, 7-12, at Massillon. It was a slug-fest rather than a game of football and was not recognized by the cities throughout the state of Ohio, including Massillon itself. And besides, Massillon was defeated by Sebring and the Columbus Pirates, both of which the Silents defeated.





Joe Allen was the star of this undefeated 1914-15 Colorado School for the Deaf basketball team. Composing this squad that won some 22 games and was crowned champion of a high school league are, left to right: Alfred Brown (coach), Charles Allen, Powell Wilson (captain), Pearce, Hebert Brown (supervisor), Wolf (scorer), A. Thomas, Joe Allen, L. Alfred, Supt. Argo.

mountaineer jumping over deep crevices on the sides of Pikes Peak. The mother could basket all the hand-worked centerpieces significant of victories in the sewing circle competitions. Among them, the Allen family grabbed off the sugar bowls, the extra pound of flour, and the layer cakes. From high-chair to school the twain triumphed.

They entered the Colorado School for the Deaf together and in spite of their knee breeches they at once attracted the notice of the larger boys with their leap-frogging over one another.

Joe caught his first ball during a game of the larger boys. He was on his knees in a corner of the outfield absorbed in a game of marbles when the ball came sailing towards his head. He glanced up in time to catch it with his bare hands. He was cussed and bawled out but was placed in the outfield of the first team at next game. Later on he was switched to catcher, which was his favorite position at the school for four years.

Joe missed many a supper practicing to basket the ball. But always there was his brother Charlie with bulging pockets of food. Charlie's faith in Joe never faltered.

Joe was the highest point getter of the school in track events for three consecutive years (100, 200, hurdles and relays). And he was the first and, I believe, the only boy to capture all nine Senior trophies offered by the school. Three in basketball (forward), three in baseball (catcher), and three in football (quarterback).

Charlie and Joe came to Akron together in 1916 after graduating from the Colorado school. They were two of the earliest deaf men and by their good work, paved the way for the others.

Charlie soon married and returned to Colorado, where he died at the age of 29 years.

After that, Joe upheld the Allen family athletic reputation singlehanded, and he did wonderfully well from the way he starred in football, basketball, and baseball. He retired from athletic competition in 1931.

In 1924 Joe left his position at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company to go to the New Jersey School for the Deaf at Trenton to learn linotyping. While at the school he helped coach the football team. Upon graduating from the Linotype Department he was assigned to a paper at Buffalo, N.Y., where he remained for a year and half. While there he played basketball as forward with the Buffalo Silents. Then he worked for the *Cleveland Press* for three months, before settling down with *Sandusky (Ohio) Register Star-News* as a linotype operator for 29 years. He returned to Akron in July, 1955, and is now connected with the *Akron Beacon Journal*.

In going over his old scrapbooks to collect some material for this article, I came across a newspaper clipping which is an interesting but lengthy feature about Joe Allen. The article, written by Don Plath, a sports writer, appeared in the November 10, 1955, issue of the *Akron Beacon Journal*, as follows:

As one of the mainstays of the famous Goodyear Silents football aggregation, Joe Allen was rated one of the cleverest forward passers in the country. He brought into play many tricks which won fame for the Silents. The famous Allen to Coombs aerial attack befuddled the opponents many times. Allen also was a fine open field runner. He was fast as lightning and a hard man to down. He was small, but made this up by his SPEED.

Possibly the loudest noise ever heard in amateur football was made by a group of silent men.

Ever hear of the "jackrabbit" play? It was not only a great ground gainer for the famous Goodyear Silents football team, but it was a laugh producer for thousands of fans.

With all eleven players shooting sparks from their fingers in simulated rage, the quarterback would gesture that he would put the ball where he thought it belonged.

While their foes enjoyed the merriment, the quarterback would pace off enough yardage for a flying start and be on his way unhindered to a touchdown.

The quarterback of that play was Joe Allen, now 56, who has returned to Akron after an absence of 21 years, and presently he is a linotype operator in the *Beacon Journal* composing room.

Allen, in a typewriter-to-linotype interview, recently relived the days of the Goodyear Silents, whose great football, baseball and basketball teams were the talk of the nation during the years 1916 through 1925.

The Silents didn't play an organized schedule in 1916, but the following year they started a seven-season history which produced 65 victories, six defeats and three ties.

In 1923, when the Silents' talent began to show its age, the deaf added some "hearing" players. Then in 1924 and 1925 some of the top players began to drift away from Akron and one of the greatest chapters in Rubber City football history ended.

The 1917 Silents won eight of ten games and claimed the Central Ohio championship. They were undefeated in 1918 and the next year they ran their victory string to 16 in a row before losing, 14-0, to the Goodyear Regulars in the final game of the season.

The Silents won nine and tied one in 1920, and in 1921 they won nine, tied one and lost two. The deaf footballers won 12 straight games in 1922 before dropping a 20-7 decision to the Akron Professionals.

The 1923 team, with a few "hearing" players, won 11 straight games.



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The Silents were credited with originating the huddle . . . they needed to gather around the quarterback so he could give the signals with his hands unseen by the opponents.

They also were credited with starting a new "center to quarterback" pass. The Silents' quarterback needed to face his ball carriers, so he lined up back-to-back with his center. The center passed the ball between his legs and the quarterback's legs and thereby eliminated the necessity of the quarterback turning around for his handoffs.

The forming of the Silents football team became possible when, in 1916, the efficient work of two deaf men attracted attention of officials at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.

In the five years following, the deaf persons came here in groups as fast as word could be telegraphed throughout the nation that Goodyear was hiring deaf people.

Allen, deaf since he was two years old, was one of the first to arrive. Allen's memory is still sharp. He told this story on his linotype machine.

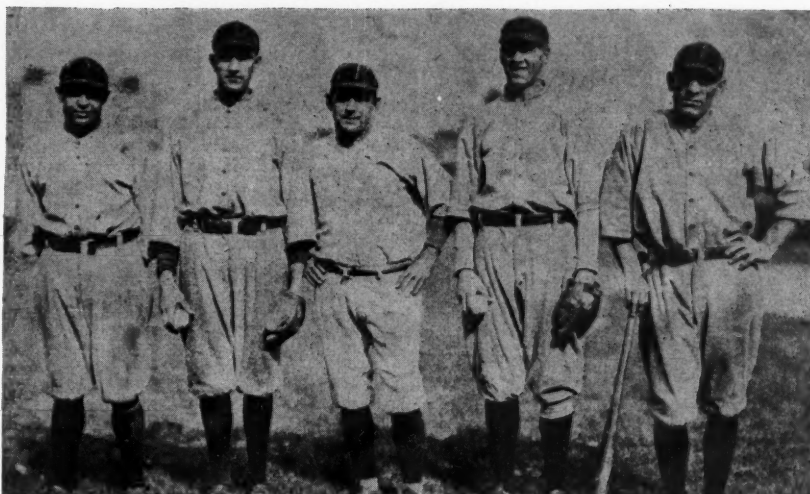
"I was a quarterback and pretty fast, ran the 100-yard dash in 10 seconds, but when I first joined the Silents football team I played end.

"The toughest game I ever played in was against the Massillon Blues. They beat us, 12-7, in 1921, for our only loss that year. Our manager decided we wouldn't play them again. There were a lot of fist fights and one of our players, attempting to interfere during a scuffle, was blackjacked by a policeman and sent to the hospital.

"Our best games were against the Goodyear Regulars. The games were rough, but well played. The highest score we ever ran up was against the Winsor Blue Jackets of Canada. We beat them in 1919, by 115-0.

"Louis Seinensohn and Dewey Deer were the greatest players to play for the Silents. Seinensohn always gained yards when we needed it and Deer was just too tough to be tackled.

"After leaving Akron in 1924 and two years later I played from 1926 through 1930 with the Sandusky Maroons, which won state cham-



JOE ALLEN was one of the ONLY four deaf mainstays of the Goodyear Regulars, the hearing team of the Company, who kept the Regulars in the championship running during the seasons of 1922 and 1923. Left to right: Joe Allen (Colo.), "Bin Six" Arthur Rasmussen (Iowa), Bob Kennedy (manager of the Regulars), "Iron Man" Dennis Wickline (Va.), and Clyde Marshall (Neb.)

pionships twice. I was the only deaf on an all-hearing team. The plays were painted on each side of my pants and I pointed in the huddle to the one I wanted to run. When we got to the line of scrimmage I would clap my hands. The players would shift on the first clap and the ball would be snapped on the second or third.

"I still go to high school games when I have a chance and I saw Kent State-Miami game this year. I am strong for the T formation, but I still think our old way of playing was better than the game played today."

What Allen left out of his story he added later with a complete scrapbook of all the Goodyear Silent doings.

The scrapbook revealed the Silents not only played colorful football, but they had colorful sports writers to report the games.

In 1918 the Silents defeated the Goodyear Regulars and, under the byline of J. Frederick Meagher, the following report was made:

"On muddy Seiberling Sea yesterday afternoon a flotilla of deaf destroyers engaged in combat the entire Goodyear navy, sinking ten of the Goodyears as against a loss of six deaf men.

"The first, and what proved to be the decisive score, occurred early in the first quarter. The dreadnaught Lentz, flagstaff, dropped back to heave a broadside to his far-flung flanks, when the battle cruiser Classen rammed him amid-ships with such force the ball was jolted out of his clutch full on the quarter deck of the privateer Roller. Breasting the billows and skimming the shoals, the Roller went rolling down to Rio, casting anchor behind harbor bar."

The score of the game favored the Silents, 10-6, but nowhere in Meagher's story did he mention the final tally.

About Dewey Deer, one of Allen's greatest, Meagher wrote:

"He's a holy, howling hurricane from out of the wooly west;

He's a terrific tornado; he's a steer;

"He's a slashing, dashing demon boiling over with vim and venom

"As he rambles 'mid the shambles while we cheer.

"He goes crashing, smashing, flashing —

"Do we dote on dear old Dewey?

Do we, Dear?"

There's another story, which Allen had forgotten, found in the old files of the *Beacon Journal*.

It was a report of a baseball game between the Goodyear Wingfoots and the Cleveland Kleinmans.

"There isn't much in the way of size to Joe Allen, smiling Wingfoot Silent. One gets no picture of a Big Bambino when he stands at the plate.

"But Sunday he was all the Bambino there was and it was a-plenty.

"It all happened in Goodyear's half of the ninth inning. With the score tied by Dodson's homer for Cleveland in the eighth, it was anybody's ball game. Herwick struck out when Wingfoots came to bat. Jimmy Sullivan

#### Joe Allen has courage:

### Former Deaf Athlete Example of Oosterban's Philosophy

Our family of athletes and their many friends who attended the most excellent banquet tendered them by the Sandusky Boosters' Club on January 14, 1953, were treated to an extraordinary address of depth and merit by Coach Benny Oosterban of the University of Michigan.

Few realized, however, that in the audience was a very true example of the theme and purpose of Mr. Oosterban's subject: It is not necessary that a boy or man or team be the best physically equipped to win. The famous Michigan coach told the assembled athletes that it isn't necessarily the biggest boy or the strongest boy who is the most proficient athlete.

A love of the game, a deep respect for the rules and a desire can often offset and compensate for a loss or lack in physical equipment.

In the audience sat a man who exemplified those words. But he didn't hear Mr. Oosterban's message. Just before the evening's address he informed a friend sitting next to him: "I think I'll have to leave. I'd give anything to be able to hear what Coach Oosterban has to say. You listen for me."

The man was Joe Allen, a linotype operator at the Register-Star-News, a great athlete in his own right and a deaf man.

The Blue Streaks have probably no more staunch supporter than Mr. Allen. At every football game he sits half-way up the stadium, at the edge of the main aisle—he never misses that seat. His infectious smile and his even more than cheerful manner have made him the possessor of probably as many friends as any Sanduskian has ever claimed.

In spite of his handicap, Allen was an outstanding quarterback. Years ago, after a brilliant career with the Akron Silents, he came to Sandusky and although he could not utter a single word, he became the star signal-calling quarterback of the Sandusky Maroons, a semi-pro team rated as one of the toughest, if not the best in the state.

How could he "call" signals? Joe never let a small thing like that bother him. The team went into a huddle, and that was in the days before the accepted huddle; Joe had the play numbers printed on his pants' legs. He merely pointed to the number, lined up back-to-back to the center, took the ball from the center through his straddled legs and handed it to big Ine Kerber who came smashing through the line!

Handicaps are relative things.—*Sandusky High-Lites*.



The famous Allen brothers, Joe (left) and Charles, during their boyhood days at the Colorado school for the deaf. They later formed the best battery the school has ever had and then for the Akron Silents. Charles, a southpaw, was the pitcher, who passed away at the age of 29 years.

grounded, Eiben to O'Dea, and things looked gloomy.

"Pitcher Leasure got a hit and went to first, Criss managed to register and Dalrymple got a scratch hit to short beating the throw and filling the bases.

"Then Mrs. Allen's boy Joe stepped to the plate. The fans were howling much as they howled for The Mighty Casey, but Joe, as we have said, didn't look like saving the situation.

Karl of Kleinmans curved over a couple. One strike, one ball, Joe took his time. He passed the next two, then took a cut and missed. Two strikes and three balls.

"Mr. Karl must have been troubled. He grooved the next one right in the alley, the diminutive right fielder bunched his shoulder muscles, took a little turn to the side as he drew back his shillelagh, and Bam! — right on the nose went a beautiful Texas leaguer somewhere between third and home with the winning run."

Allen was the only deaf to play on the Goodyear Wingfoots basketball team in its early years.

Allen's teammates included Eddie Thomas, president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Leroy Tomkinson, general superintendent at Goodyear, and Titus Lobach, famous Akron athletic official.

JOE ALLEN captained this highly successful 1919-20 Goodyear Silents basketball team which brought 17 victories and 7 defeats, including a win over strong Goodyear Regular, a hearty outfit. Joe later was the only deaf on Goodyear Regulars five. Pictured left to right are as follows: KNEELING — Johnston (Kendall), John E. Dunner (Mt. Airy). SITTING — Maurice Mosier (New York), Captain Joe Allen (Colo.), Winfred Roller (Colo.). STANDING — Coach Fred Moore (Kansas), Watkins (New York), Harry Stark (Nebraska), Manager Russell Moore.

Lobach tells a story of Allen's free throw ability.

"We were playing a team in Boston," related Lobach. "I was the team's free-throw shooter, but after making 11 straight I got busted in the nose. After wiping the blood off I went up to the free-throw line and when I looked at the basket I could see two of them. I told them to let Allen take over on free throws. He did and he almost equalled my 11. He got nine straight."

Humor had a great place in the Goodyear Silents football forays.

Possibly the most told tale concerns K. O. Christner, of prize-ring fame, who was one of the not-so-silents who played with the Goodyear team.

Following a rough game against the Massillon Blues, Christner was walking off the field. A Massillon fan rushed out on the field and walked behind Christner.

After hurling a number of unprintable words at Christner, the fan said, "If you weren't handicapped I would bust you in the nose."

At that moment Christner turned around and said, "Now what were you saying?"

The fan was credited with the fastest and longest run of the day. He was last seen frantically climbing over the wall which surrounded the playing field.

One of the Silents, named Stanley, played with a cud of tobacco in his cheek. After a moment he walked up to the captain and everyone thought he was sick and going to ask to be relieved. Instead he said he had swallowed his tobacco and just couldn't go on playing unless he had another chew.

The quick-thinking captain strode up to the stands and explained his plight. It rained tobacco and Stanley calmly picked up the largest twist, bit off a chunk, and the game continued.

The Silents were fast, elusive and tricky and they admired and respected their foes. But the deaf men had a will to win and each opposing player was an enemy from opening to end of each game.

"Al Nesser was a swell guy," typed Allen on his machine as he told about the great professional player from Akron who three years ago was named to the Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame.

"Nesser was a great person when you met him on the street," continued Allen, "But I must confess the Goodyear Silents didn't like him on the football field."

I take the privilege here of giving

you the comments of a man whose life is dedicated to making better tires and other rubber products. Edward J. Thomas, who was a star basketball player of his time, is president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. I received this long letter from him the other day in condensed form:

I am delighted to learn of your plans to write a story about Joe Allen for THE SILENT WORKER. He's quite a fellow, and a very deserving person about whom to write.

Back in the days when I was playing basketball, Joe and I were teammates for several seasons during the early Twenties as members of the Goodyear Wings. . . .

It was a spirited bunch to play with, believe me. Joe contributed a great deal of hustle and ability to make it so. He impressed me as being a natural athlete, with the ability to do everything well. Yet, he never let this capability "go to his head," so to speak.

His personable attitude and tremendous competitive spirit made him a favorite with players and spectators alike. . . .

I first heard of Joe when he joined the Goodyear organization in 1916. He was one of the first deaf persons to be hired by the company. It is my understanding that he played an instrumental role in getting the Silents started in football. . . .

Joe was very fast, he was elusive and could handle the ball with an ability that would please exponents of the T formation today. He was capable of running the 100 yard dash in and around 10 seconds. This speed, coupled with his natural ability, prompted his coach to move him from end to quarterback. It is little wonder that the Silents were so successful, what with Joe playing in the same backfield with Louis Seinensohn and Dewey Deer, both clever and powerful runners.

Joe also played baseball for the Goodyear Regulars in 1923 and 1924. He was a left fielder and a capable hitter. He didn't hit long, but consistently. . . .

The very best of success with your story. I appreciate your writing to me about Joe. It has permitted me to relive some very memorable years in my life.

When his active playing days were over, Joe Allen became an official in his hometown, Sandusky, Ohio, for some eight years. Below is a letter from Ben M. Schowe, Sr., about Allen's abilities both as an athlete and as an official:





They (Goodyear Silents) had two pint-sized quarterbacks for a while. The late Fred Moore was the other and I was better acquainted with Fred, having seen him work at Gallaudet College. He was as tough and efficient as a steel spring and it seemed no more power could possibly be packed into such a small frame. So I was surprised, when I arrived in Akron, to find that Fred had a rival who was no bigger than he was.

Either one could slip through a hairline crack in the forward wall. And frequently did. It looked as if they were being mashed to a pulp but they always came up from the bottom of a pile-up of behemoths wearing the same grin they had on when they went down.

The two of them go together in my memory and it is hard to separate them. As many others will tell you, it was a delight—really a belly-laugh—to watch either of them wiggle his way in and around and through the big fellows in broken field running. Those were the days when they played football for the sheer fun of it.

Personally, there is no brighter page in the saga of Joe Allen than that which tells of the years when, with his playing days over, his hobby was umpiring and refereeing all kinds of sports contests in his home town. I did not see this but I heard so much about it that I just have to believe it even though it seems incredible.

You can joke about it if you want to and say, that he had the best natural equipment because nobody could argue with him. But if you do, you are missing the big thing. The big thing to my mind is that a deaf man who is chosen to serve as arbiter in adult sports of hearing people surely must have qualities of mind and heart that outshine the greatest athletic achievement.

When Joe Allen first came to Akron in 1916, J. C. McDowell, an oldtimer, was then the baseball coach, giving the Allen brothers a tryout, and they made it. Here's what McDowell has to say about Joe:

Joe Allen was considered one of the greatest clutch hitters of all time at baseball. Playing for the Akron Silents of 1916 as catcher, he won many games with his clutch hitting, driving in runs when they were needed most. Never a power hitter he was considered most valuable when the chips were down. He and the late Charles Allen, a southpaw pitcher, teamed up to hand the Ravenna Merchants their only defeat in the entire season of 1916 during which the Ravenna team was



**TYPEWRITER TO LINOTYPE**—Joe Allen (left), former star quarterback for the Goodyear Silents of 1917-23, looks over the shoulder of Sports Writer Don Plath to get his next question. Because Allen is deaf, Plath ran into trouble attempting to interview him. They finally devised this method. Plath asked the questions on the typewriter and Allen answered him on his linotype machine in the Akron Beacon Journal.

Ohio State champion. Joe drove in two runs in the 3 to 2 conquest of Ravenna. Charles Allen was opposed by a pitcher named Glass who later pitched for a number of years for the Boston Red Sox of the American League.

The late Fred Moore wrote this in the old **SILENT WORKER**: "In Joe Allen the Goodyear Silents possess one of the cleverest quarterbacks and brainiest passers in the country. He would do credit to any larger University."

And one of Allen's greatest football players, Dewey Deer, wrote this comment:

At the mention of the name of Joe Allen, "Smiling Joe" as we called him, my memory goes back to the golden age of athletics at Akron, when the Goodyear Silents were making athletic history.

Among the stars who flocked to Akron, Joe Allen and his all around ability stood out like a beacon on a dark night. He had speed to burn, an eagle eye, a sling-shot arm, perfect coordination and trigger-quick reflexes. It was his flawless handling of punts, his long punt returns and his deadly passing that contributed so much to the success of the Silents football team.

In my book Joe was one of the greatest all-around athletes that ever trod a sports arena. The deaf have and have had super stars in one or two sports but few if any with Allen's superb all-around ability in all sports.

As I see it, Joe Allen was active in some sport or another for more than fifteen years, being a star on all winning teams. The fact that he was the greatest deaf track and field athlete of his day while a student at the Colorado school for the deaf, and later, a great semi-pro football player to lead the Goodyear Silents through seven seasons, was active with the Goodyear Regulars in several sports and guided hearing groups for a number of years is proof of his qualifications as an outstanding deaf athlete and as an individual.

May you, "Smiling Joe," be admitted to the AAAD Hall of Fame. You really deserve it!



**JOE ALLEN'S** two beauties—his wife (left), the former Bessie Bender, who is a graduate of the Ohio School for the Deaf in the class of 1924, and whom he married in 1926, and daughter Jacqueline, aged 27. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are proud grandparents when a boy, Douglas Joe, was born on May 5, 1955, to Jacqueline who on April 17, 1954, became wife of Lyle Schnittker, a Kent State University graduate and now in business with Campbell's canned foods.

## Kruger's Basketball Briefs

(The following notes on the highlights of the school basketball season were prepared by Sports Editor Art Kruger for his Basketball Story last month but were held out because of lack of space. — Ed.)

**BB BRIEFS:** Hats off to Coach Henry Brenner on the conclusion of his first successful year as 6-man football and basketball coach at North Dakota. Both Bulldog teams enjoyed winning seasons and Coach Brenner deserves much of the credit. His cage team was tied for second place in a Class C. league, and brought the school its first trophy when it took consolation honors in a Class C tournament. All five starters will be back next year, including a coming All-American in sophomore Paul Halverson, and their aim is the Class C championship . . . Nebraska under Coach George Propp had good balance, but lacked speed and desire. . . South Dakota had one of its better teams, but featured balance rather than individual stand-outs. It went to the finals of the district Class B tournament. Sophomore John Dykstra had a field day during the 3-day meet, scoring 58 points in three games, and led the Pheasants in scoring this year with 328 points in 24 games. At the same time, Bob Dillman was honored by being named as one of the stars of the tournament. . . Kansas started to "jell" around the middle of January, and the school won five in a row, beating those teams which had earlier beaten Kansas. . . Coach George Hanson's Minnesota prior to the Christmas vacation had a good basketball team which won 5 and lost 2. Then when its star guard, Jimmy Mills, was ineligible to play after becoming 20 years of age on January 20, the team had to start all over again to get a good combination for the remainder of the season. . . Vermont is expecting to move into a newly built gym and to have a cage team next year. . . This was the first year in quite a long time that Maine had an organized team. Coach Dick Plummer believes in the future Maine will be able to do much better as it will move into its new school this September and there he'll have a real nice gym to work in. . . Virginia is still coming along. It has a fine cager in Wallace Currier, a sophomore, who is described by his coach, Jim Dilettoso, as a top all-around athlete. He set a new "second best" scoring mark in District 5 this year. It is generally conceded that the records set by Bill Chittum of Lexington High last year will last for a long, long time. Hence the emphasis on second place. Chittum scored 577 points for an average of 32.1 points per game. Currier's 350 is the closest anyone has come to Chittum's 577 and will probably stand for some time — unless the husky VSD

forward breaks it himself. Currier has two more years of varsity competition remaining . . . Robert Yuhas of New Jersey made three all-star SECOND teams (all-city, all-Delaware Valley League and ESDA) . . . Bill Schwall of St. Mary's was the unanimous choice for the Western New York All-Catholic team. The St. Mary's 6-4 ace rebounder, who led the league in scoring with 229 points in 12 games, was the unanimous choice at center . . . Florida "lasted" in a Conference tournament for the first time in its history. It won its divisional championship but lost the playoff game . . . Georgia has a player who deserves mention here. He is Milton Saunders. His ball handling was superb. In a game against Alabama he made 17 free throws for a new GSD record . . . Harry L. Baynes really had a good cage team at Alabama which somehow did not click well against Mississippi at the recent Mason-Dixon event. It, however, broke its own high tournament single game scoring record for the third time by easily subduing Florida for third place, 81-41. It also set an all time ASD high score when it beat Mellow Valley High, 103-40, and defeated a high school team that reached the quarter finals in the state Class A tournament. Though not a member of the state high school athletic association, Alabama was unable to get its full quota of games due to the fact that AHSAA limits each school to 20 basketball games and 10 football games, and the schools usually play each other in both football and basketball. Alabama even has not been able to play a high school in Talladega County in over six years because it used to run up double scores on them, and they won't play. It has to travel far and wide to get games at all . . . Rolph Foster did not go on the high-scoring spree he did last year, but he definitely played a much better brand of basketball. His best game was a 60-50 victory for Montana over Highwood High School, its first win over this school in 5 years or more . . . Oregon broke the chain of 16 years and 4 days, by beating Washington in a thriller, 51-50, on February 26 in the OSD gym . . . Arizona had its poorest season in six years under Coach Frank Sladek, but it will be a powerhouse in two or three years . . . Riverside did well in its first year of Arrowhead League participation mainly because of the defensive ability of Stanley Bassett, a senior 5-10 center. Through his effort, the League's top scorer was held to 12 points. This was the lowest point total the 6-6 center had all year. It was through this performance that impressed the League coaches into voting Bassett into All-League selection . . . And now take a glance at the following results of interschool for the deaf games

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New York 68, New Jersey 47  
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Maryland 60, Kendall 50  
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Kansas 57, Missouri 51  
Georgia 58, So. Carolina 36  
No. Carolina 51, So. Carolina 42  
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Alabama 51, Georgia 46  
Arkansas 52, Oklahoma 50  
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Washington 50, Oregon 48  
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## Occupational Survey Receives Additional Grant

The National Association of the Deaf has received a supplementary grant of \$30,550.00 to continue the Study of Conditions Affecting Occupational Competence and Success Among Deaf Adults in the United States. The award comes from the United States Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and, together with \$7,300.00 supplied by the N.A.D. and Gallaudet College, will finance the work of the Survey for the second year, ending March 31, 1958.

A large part of the new grant will be used to meet the expenses of interviewers and enumerators in all sections of the country, who have the responsibility for contacting the deaf in the different states. Another large item will be for processing and coding the information gleaned from the questionnaires distributed among the deaf.

At the present time 6,574 completed blanks have been received and several thousand more are expected to result from increased activity among interviewers during the summer. At the beginning of the survey a minimum quota of 10,580 was set as an initial target for interviewers. However, as everyone knows, there are several times 10,000 adult deaf in the United States and the real aim of the survey should be to reach them all, making the study practically a census of the adult deaf. Collecting of data is to be completed on November 1, 1957.

The last report on the Survey was published in the April, 1957, issue of THE SILENT WORKER. The table below shows the number of forms received

from each state up to July 1, 1957.

Alabama	205	304
Arizona	65	80
Arkansas	125	81
California	850	198
Colorado	95	123
Connecticut	145	244
Delaware	25	6
Dist. of Col.	55	93
Florida	235	153
Georgia	240	171
Idaho	40	41
Illinois	600	117
Indiana	275	244
Iowa	170	78
Kansas	135	183
Kentucky	200	114
Louisiana	195	89
Maine	65	12
Maryland	170	53
Massachusetts	325	106
Michigan	460	429
Minnesota	210	152
Mississippi	145	107
Missouri	275	207
Montana	40	67
Nebraska	90	114
Nevada	15	—
New Hampshire	35	14
New Jersey	350	71
New Mexico	50	57
New York	1000	320
North Carolina	275	180
North Dakota	40	64
Tennessee	220	262
Texas	550	226
Utah	50	89
Vermont	25	20
Virginia	235	127
Washington	170	126
West Virginia	130	74
Wisconsin	240	369
Wyoming	20	7

Totals 10,580 6,574

## Convention Time

As these lines are being written, N. A. D. officials and countless members are preparing to take off for the 24th Triennial Convention of the National Association of the Deaf in St. Louis, July 21-27. By the time this magazine reaches its readers the convention will probably be history, but we hope to see you there, anyhow.

With everything centered on convention plans, activities at the home office are somewhat curtailed. Mrs. Martin, Office Manager, and President Burnes will be away but the office will be open. By way of getting warmed up for convention deliberations and activities, some of the N.A.D. officials have been on the road. Secretary Greenmun and Vice President Smith were at the South

Carolina convention, and Vice President Peikoff presided over a huge rally in Milwaukee, reported elsewhere in these pages. Before moving into St. Louis, Dr. Burnes and Mr. Greenmun will be in conferences in New York. They also managed to stop at the Knoxville convention, as did Board Member Williams.

## Milwaukee Has Gigantic Rally

Milwaukee still remembers Larry Yolles.

And as Larry watched from a large color photograph on the wall, the deaf of Milwaukee and Wisconsin proved it to the tune of \$6,161.31 in donations and pledges to the National Association of the Deaf.

The program, organized by Mrs. Philip Zola of Milwaukee, opened with the master of ceremonies, Philip Zola, introducing Mrs. Lorraine McDaniel, who signed "America the Beautiful." Then President Leo Ragsdale of the Milwaukee Sileht Club, where the event was held, welcomed the crowd of approximately 130. Elaine Kressin and Alfred Maertz followed with an introductory dialogue.

After that came the "Shower of Stars," four short, amusing skits. The first, entitled "Fix," was given by Thomas Hanson, Harold and Eva Shrank under the direction of Robert Horgen; all of the Madison area.

Then came "Mothers-in-law Trouble" from the Racine area, with Roger and Dorothy Falberg and Miss Violet Erickson. Sisters Lorraine McDaniel and Mabel Giambaresi whirled in an Apache Dance; and for the finale, Milwaukee presented Mrs. Philip Zola and Mrs. Alfred Maertz, who brought forth peals of laughter with "There's One Born Every Minute."

Then the audience settled down for the main event — the incomparable David Peikoff of Toronto, Canada, first vice-president of the N.A.D.

What Mr. Peikoff said, the "inside" picture of the work and history of the N.A.D., the story of its trials, tribulations and successes from its earliest beginnings, reminiscences of the work of Larry Yolles, and an insight into the untiring labors of Boyce R. Williams. Consultant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at the national offices of Vocational Rehabilitation, was too long to go into detail here.

But the tremendous and heartwarming response which followed was instantaneous and unhesitating. Sixty new Century Club members were added to the roll call of the National Association of the Deaf that night.

Somewhere . . . somehow . . . Larry knows.

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